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Rainbow
No. 1 dress-up doll

Chapter 13

# 第十三話◉fifteen years ago

15 years before the ancient twins were killed.

KACHK

Rainbow Peacekeeping Corps No. 2 (Viktor)

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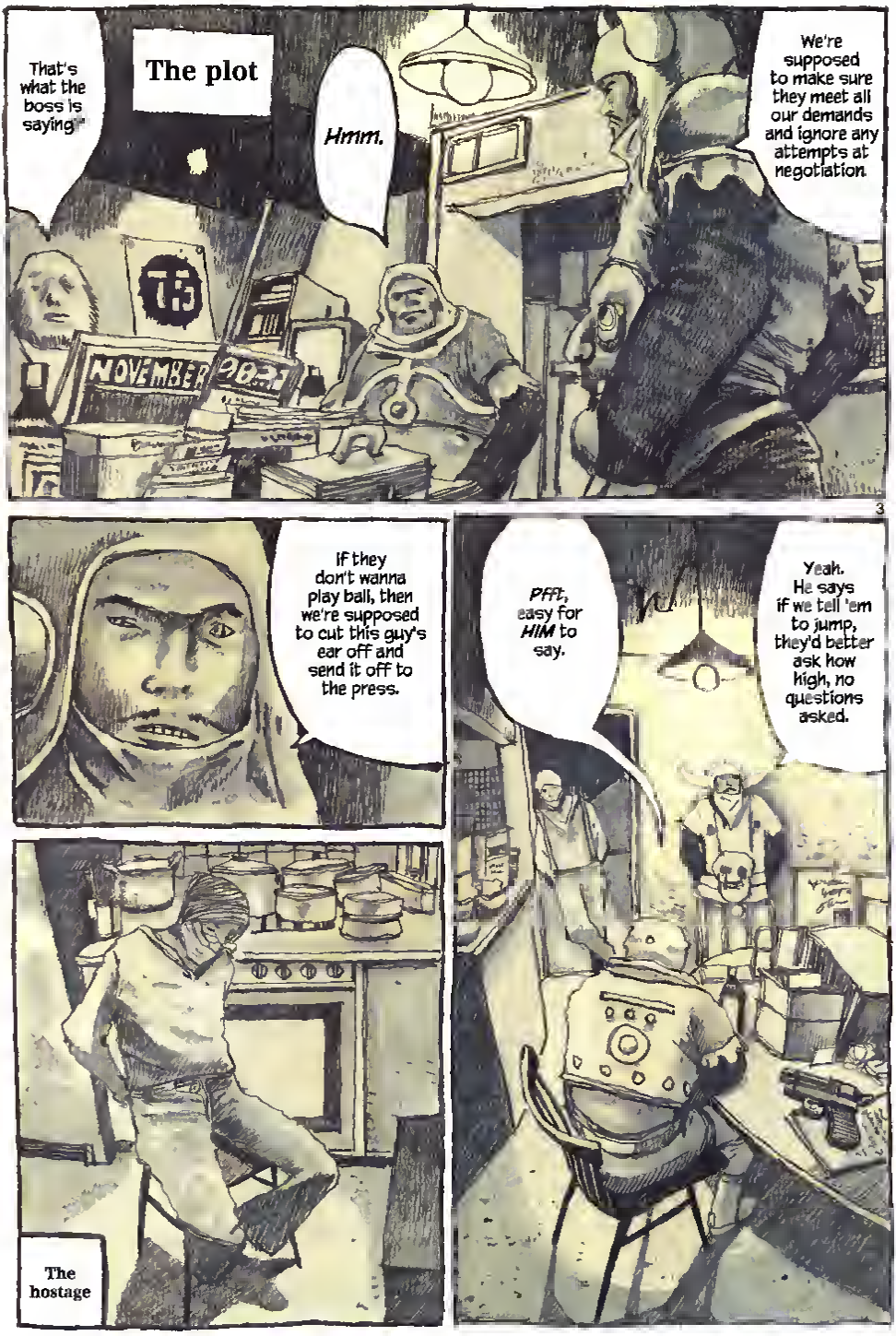
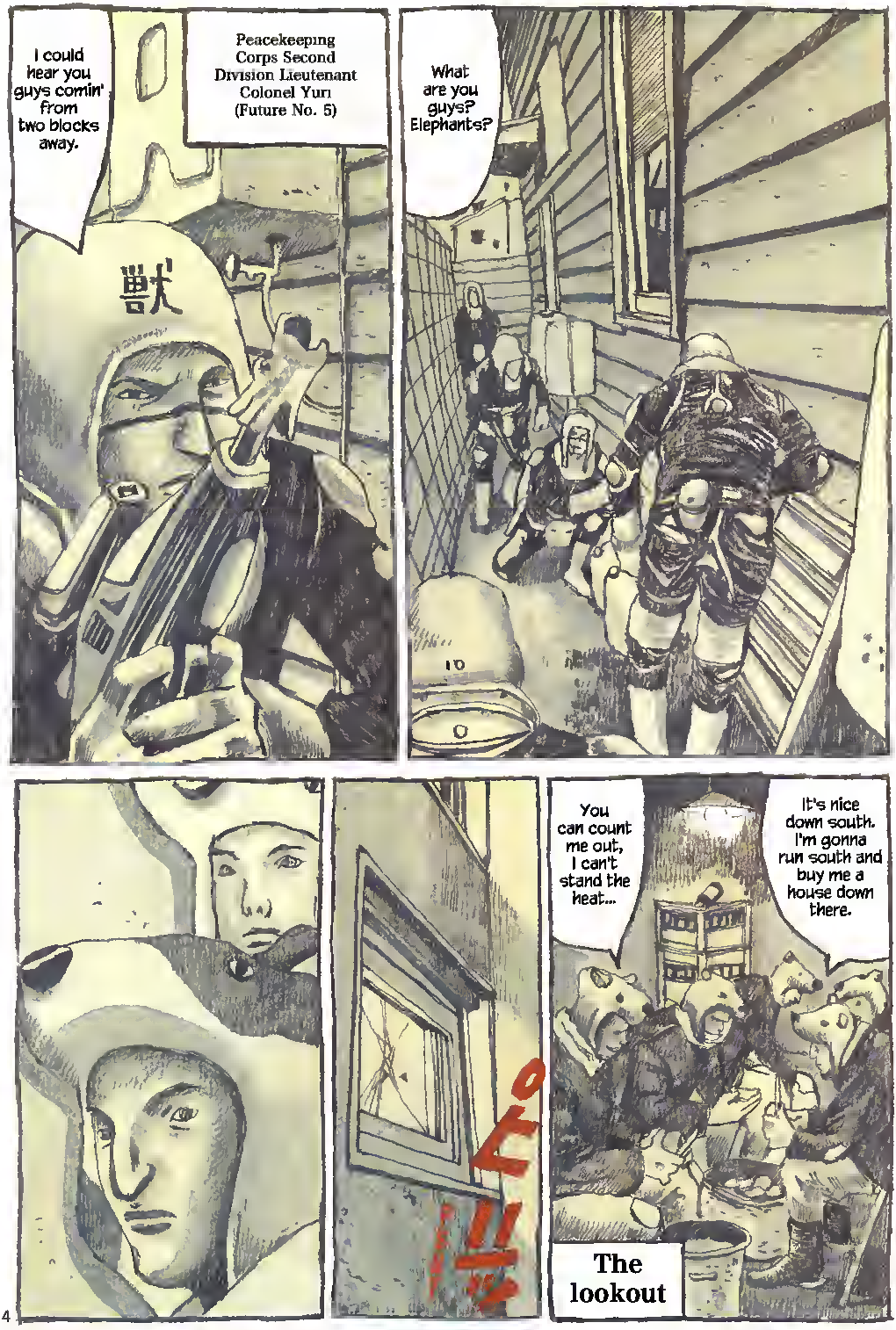

That's what the boss is saying!"
The plot
Hmm.
We're supposed to make sure they meet all our demands and ignore any attempts at negotiation.
NOVEMBER
If they don't wanna play ball, then we're supposed to cut this guy's ear off and send it off to the press.
Pfft, easy for HIM to say.
Yeah. He says if we tell 'em to jump, they'd better ask how high, no questions asked.
The hostage

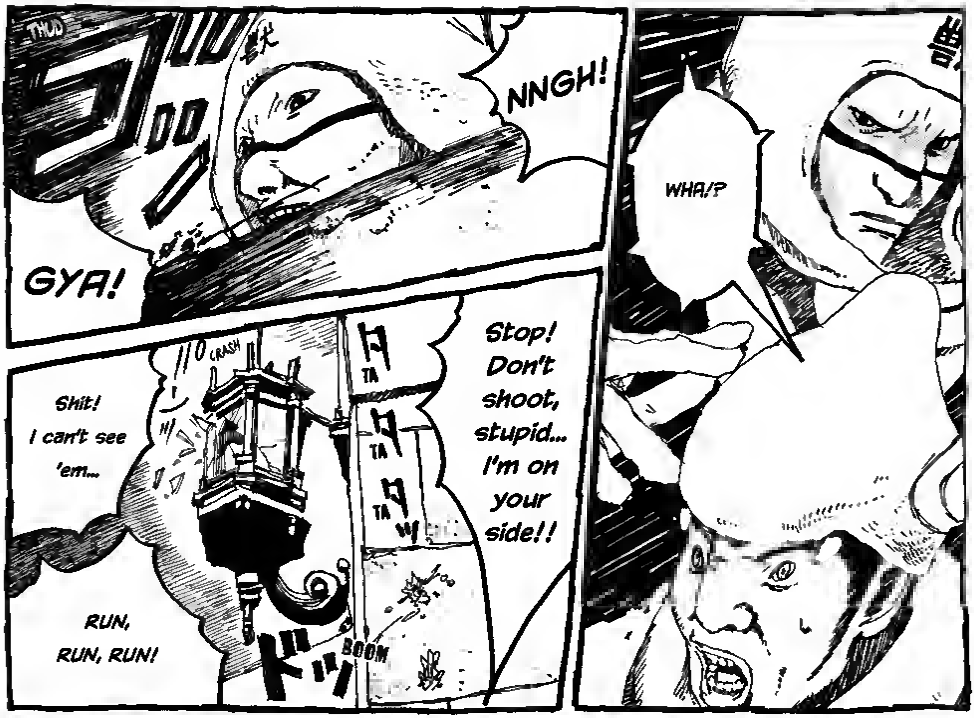

I could hear you guys comin' from two blocks away.
Peacekeeping Corps Second Division Lieutenant Colonel Yuri (Future No. 5)
What are you guys? Elephants?
You can count me out, I can't stand the heat...
It's nice down south. I'm gonna run south and buy me a house down there.
The lookout

SMASH
BAM
GYAH!

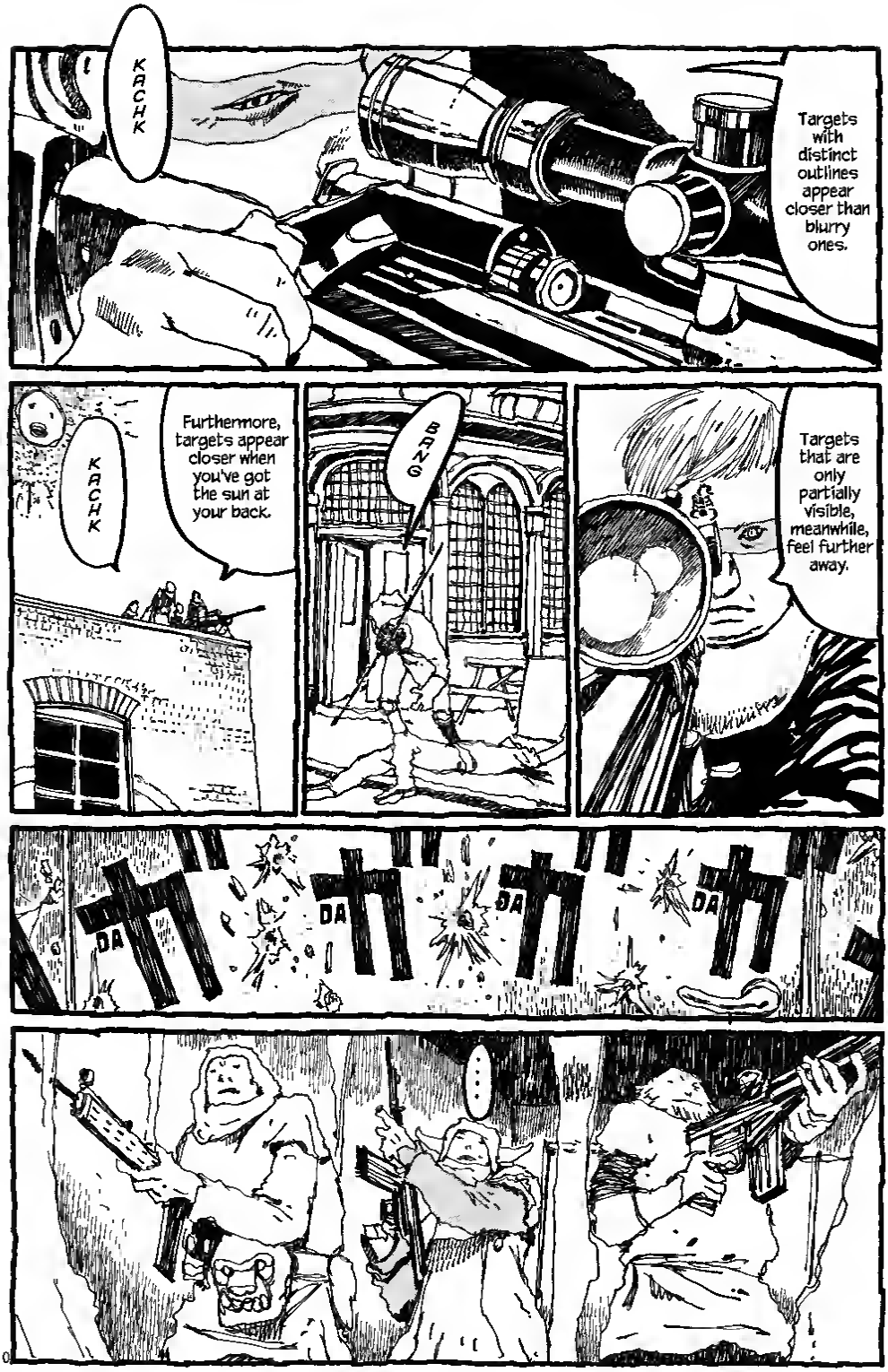
...
IT'S THE MILI-TARY!
IT'S NOT THE COPS!
The cops !?
WHAM!!
RUN!
獣
WE'RE TALKIN' PEACE CORPS HERE!!
Peace
10

This particular technique requires a good deal of patience in mastering it before you can put it to practice.
There's a number of methods to measure distance, so it's a matter of comparing the results they get...
TA TA TA
BOOM
VWOOM
Watch closely.

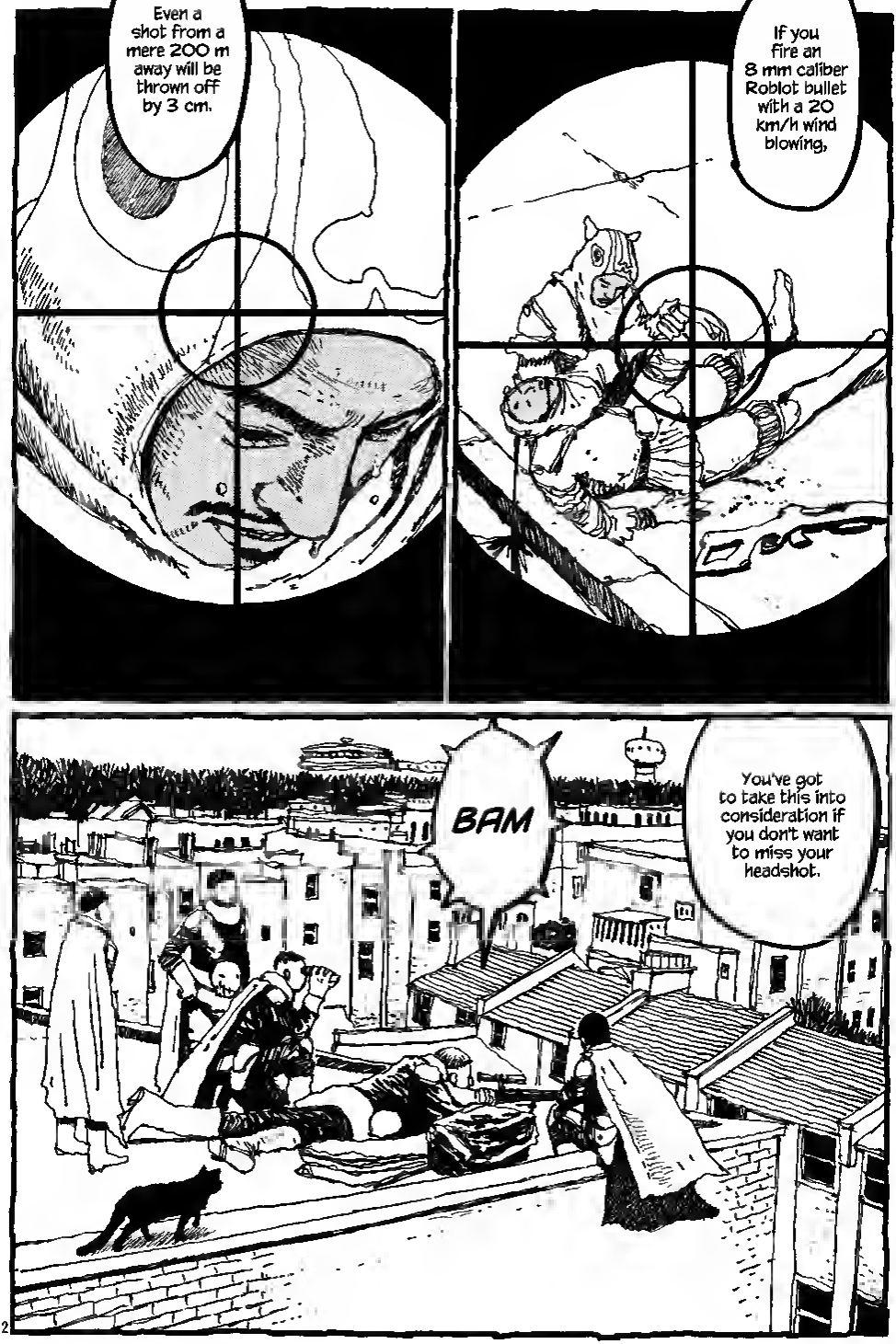
TATATA
10
10
BAM
BAM
TATATATATA
GYA-AH!
ACK
CRA SH
BAM
BAM
BAM
HAA AA AA!
THUMP


THUD
NNGH!
GYA!
WHA!?
Stop! Don't shoot, stupid... I'm on your side!!
Shit! I can't see 'em...
CRASH
TA
TA
TA
RUN, RUN, RUN!
BOOM

BAAAND
huff
huff
huff
They're monsters.
huff


KACHK
Targets with distinct outlines appear closer than blurry ones.
KACHK
Furthermore, targets appear closer when you've got the sun at your back.
BANG
Targets that are only partially visible, meanwhile, feel further away.
DA
DA
DA
DA

CLANG...
!?
BAM
GYA!
!!
BAM
BAM
BLAM
BLAM
ZWOO
THUD


Even a shot from a mere 200 m away will be thrown off by 3 cm.
If you fire an 8 mm caliber Roblot bullet with a 20 km/h wind blowing,
BAM
You've got to take this into consideration if you don't want to miss your headshot.
12

huff ...
huff ...
huff ...
It's over.
Don't worry.
Uu!
THUD
Stay away.
Ss...

...
Ha...
They were also in the possession of a large amount of firearms,
and are therefore thought to have possibly had a large organization behind them.
The perpetrating group appears to have consisted of roughly twenty individuals,
nearly all of whom have been killed by the military troops.
BATA
BA
TA
BATA
Mister Gadrilgalli, the eldest son of the chairman of the ACN group, was unharmed.

the Auro district government explained that they wanted to settle things quickly and in a way that deterred any future occurrences.
In defense of its decision to mobilize the Peacekeeping Corps to bring the situation under control,
It seems likely that the issue won't be dying down anytime soon.
As it has provoked backlash from some members of parliament,
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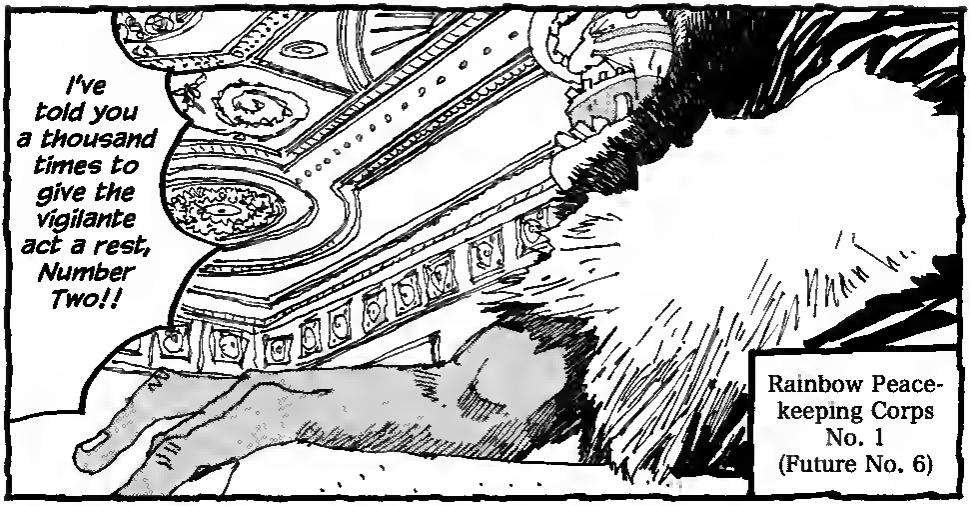
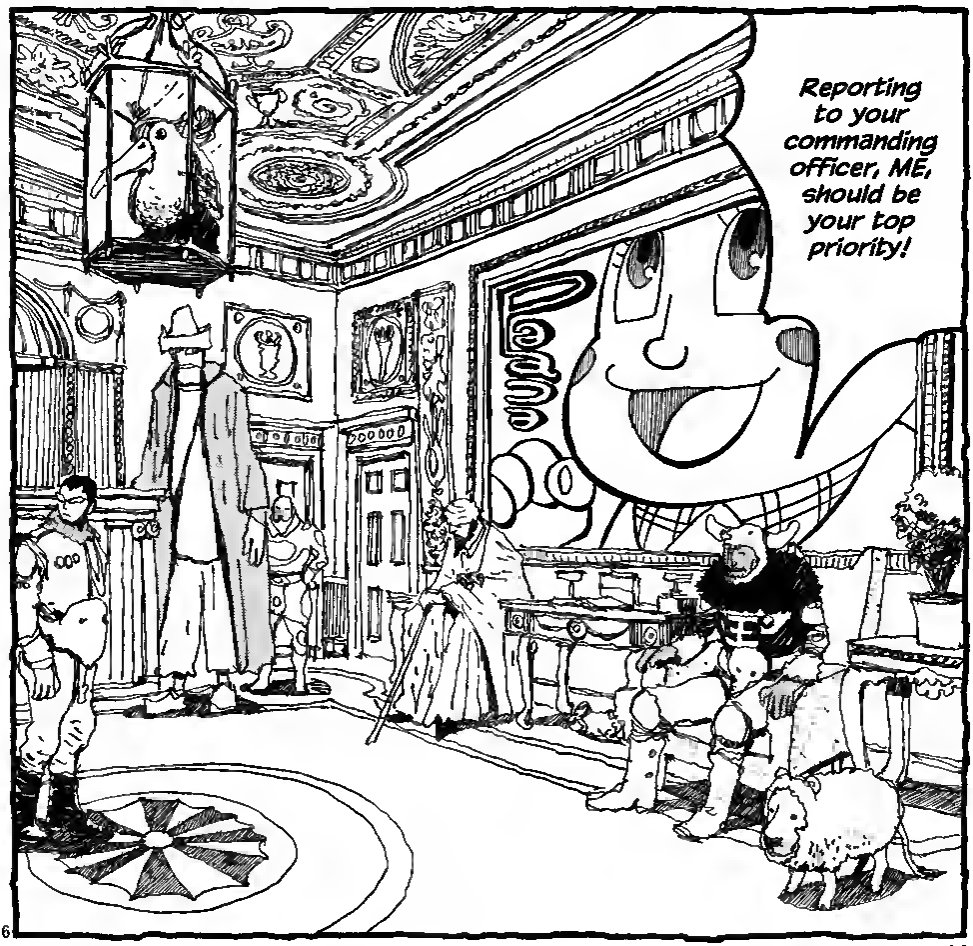
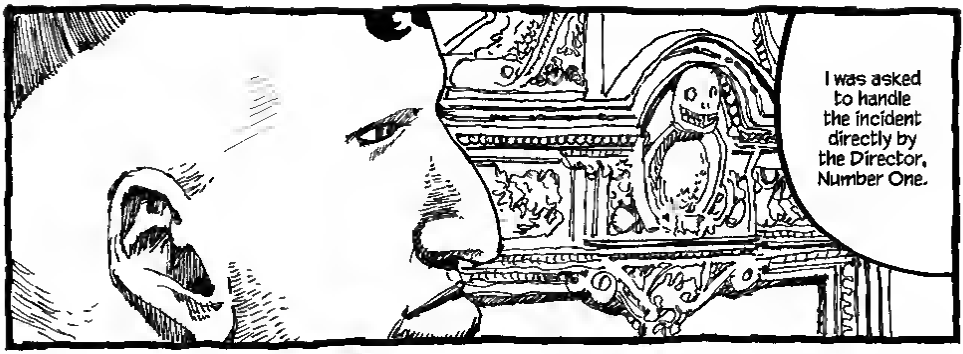
DATA
DATA


I've told you a thousand times to give the vigilante act a rest, Number Two!!
Rainbow Peace-keeping Corps No. 1 (Future No. 6)


Reporting to your commanding officer, ME, should be your top priority!
Pahh,


I was asked to handle the incident directly by the Director, Number One.

Just because their hideout happened to fall under your jurisdiction-
And the director was commissioned by the Peacekeeping Corps!!

A unit that leaves piles of dead in its path.
Rainbow Council No. 4 (Future No. 4)

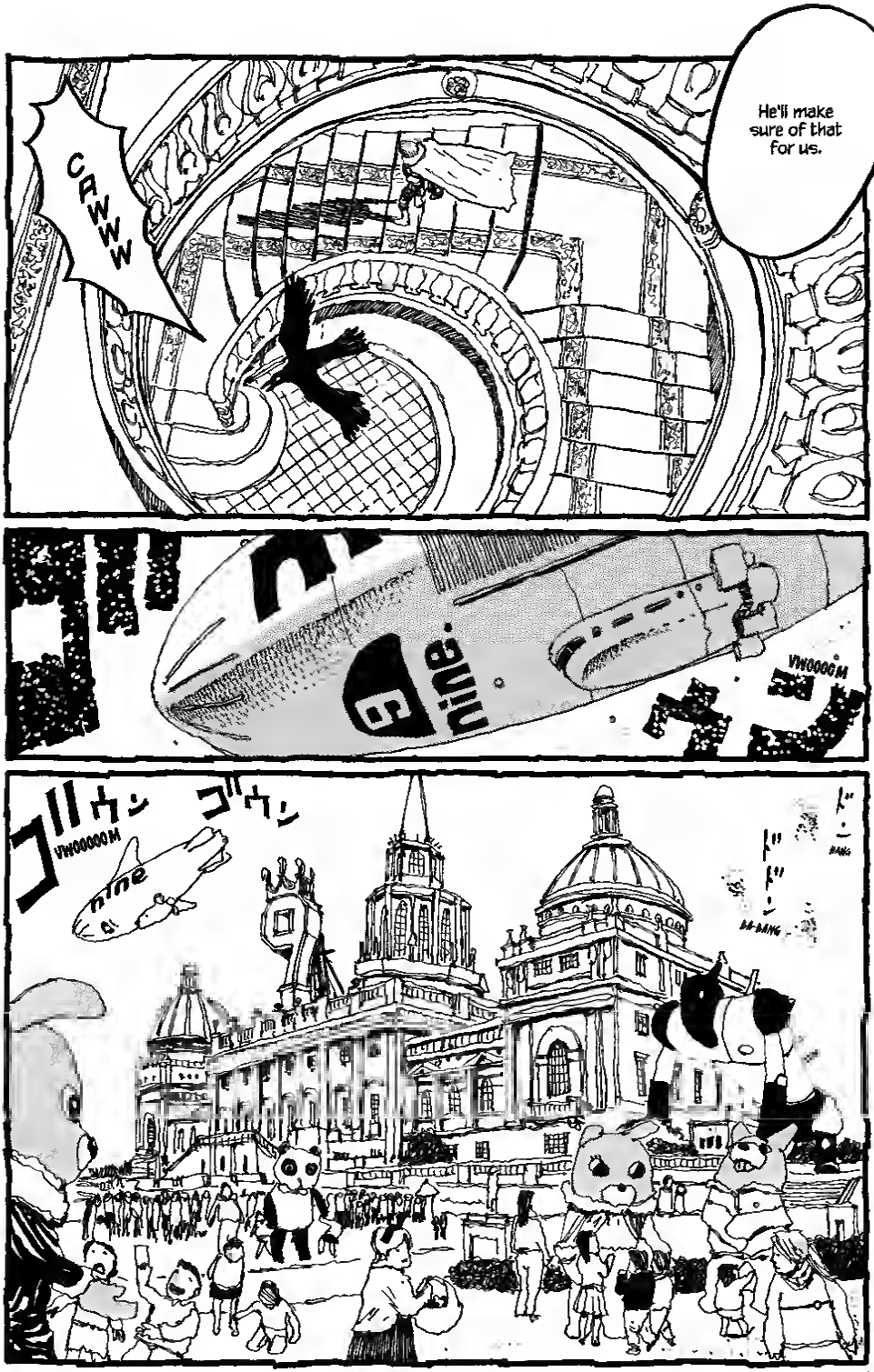
Your unit is just like the Huns led by Attila, Number Two.
Rainbow Council No. 8 (Future No. 2)

You make it sound like you're a god.
Hmph.
Is it not our duty to illuminate their way out?
Some dimwitted humans were floundering about, looking for a way out.
That's no excuse, Number Two.
Rainbow Council No. 7 (Future No. 3)
It's what the masses wish for.
He may have Papa's support but is he really that impressive?
Rainbow Council No. 3 (Later retired)
"Impressive" isn't the word for him, Number Three.
Rainbow Council No. 5 (Later KIA)
By the way, the new number will be joining us soon, correct?
Rainbow Council No. 6 (Future No. 8)

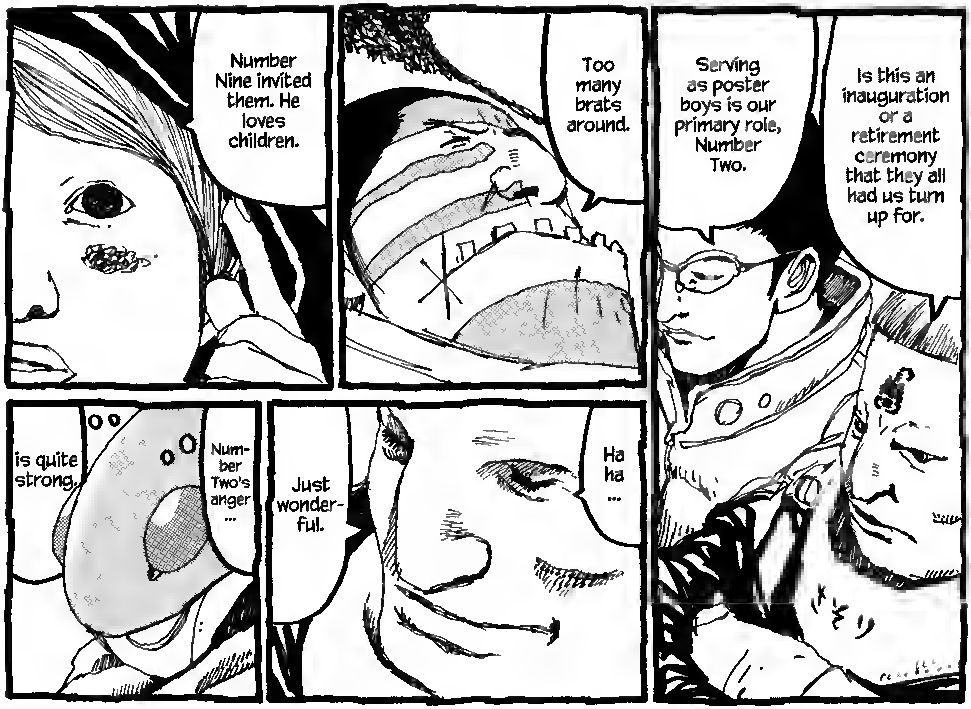
We have long been awaiting his arrival.
He's as radiant as Procyon, the white first-magnitude star in Canis Minor.
How beautiful!
He is an existence that can change even the flow of this planet.
...
Too hot
Hn ngh

VWOOOM
The meeting is finished?
Yes.
CAWWW
Like a tea ceremony accompanied by Vivaldi's violin concerto.
CAW
Haha... it was so refined.
How did it go?

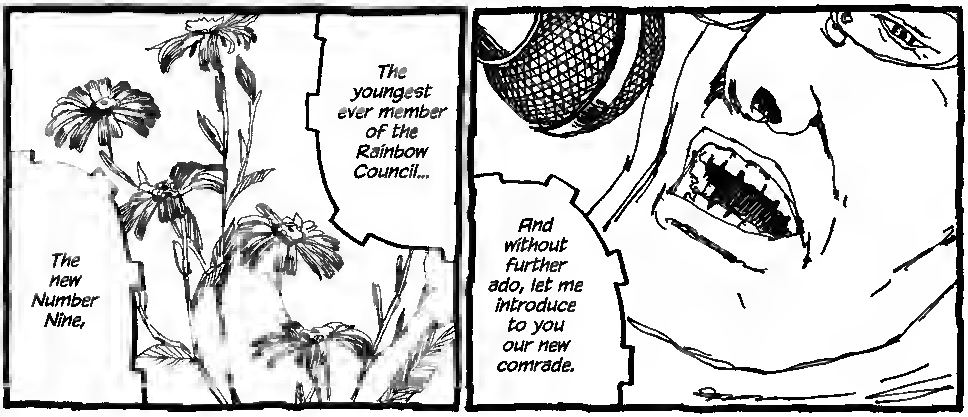
CAWWW
Ha ha ha...
By the looks of it there must have been another disagreement.
The current Number One is just some old-timer clinging to his past glory.
Hmm?
It won't be long before he becomes Number One.
Yeah.
And once he does, people will recognize the Rainbow Council as the strongest military force there is, not just some sort of mascot organization.

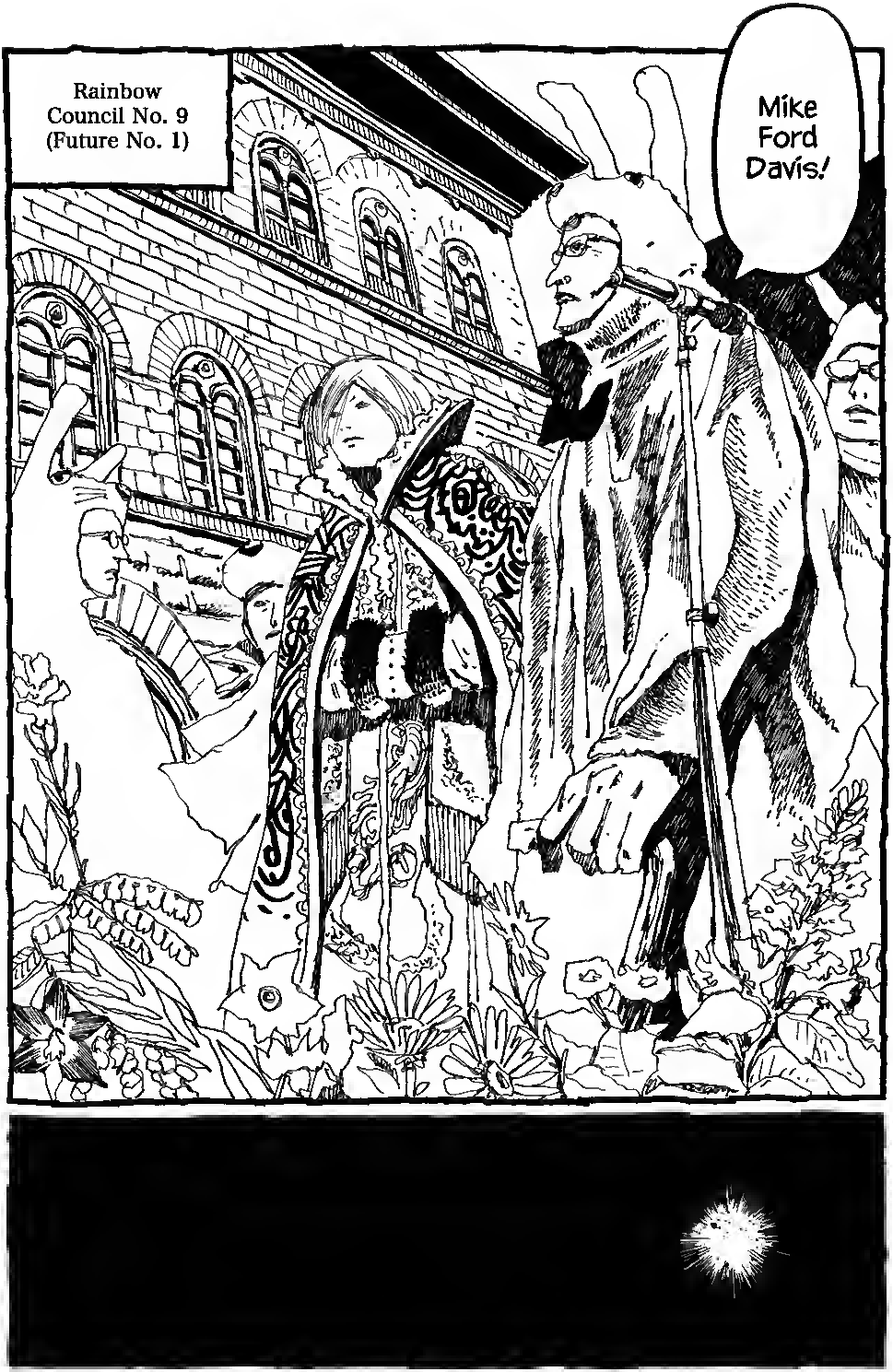

He'll make sure of that for us.
CRWW
nine
VHOOOOM
ゴウン ゴウン
VHOOOOM
nine
ド ド ド
BANG
BANG
BANG

He graduated as valedictorian from the Capella training academy and was later assigned to the 18th unit.
He went on to prove himself to be a soldier of exceptional ability,
completing many various difficult and demanding missions with his rare abilities.
VWOOM
Granted, there were those who spoke up out of concern over his overly young age,
Hmph.
Wahaha

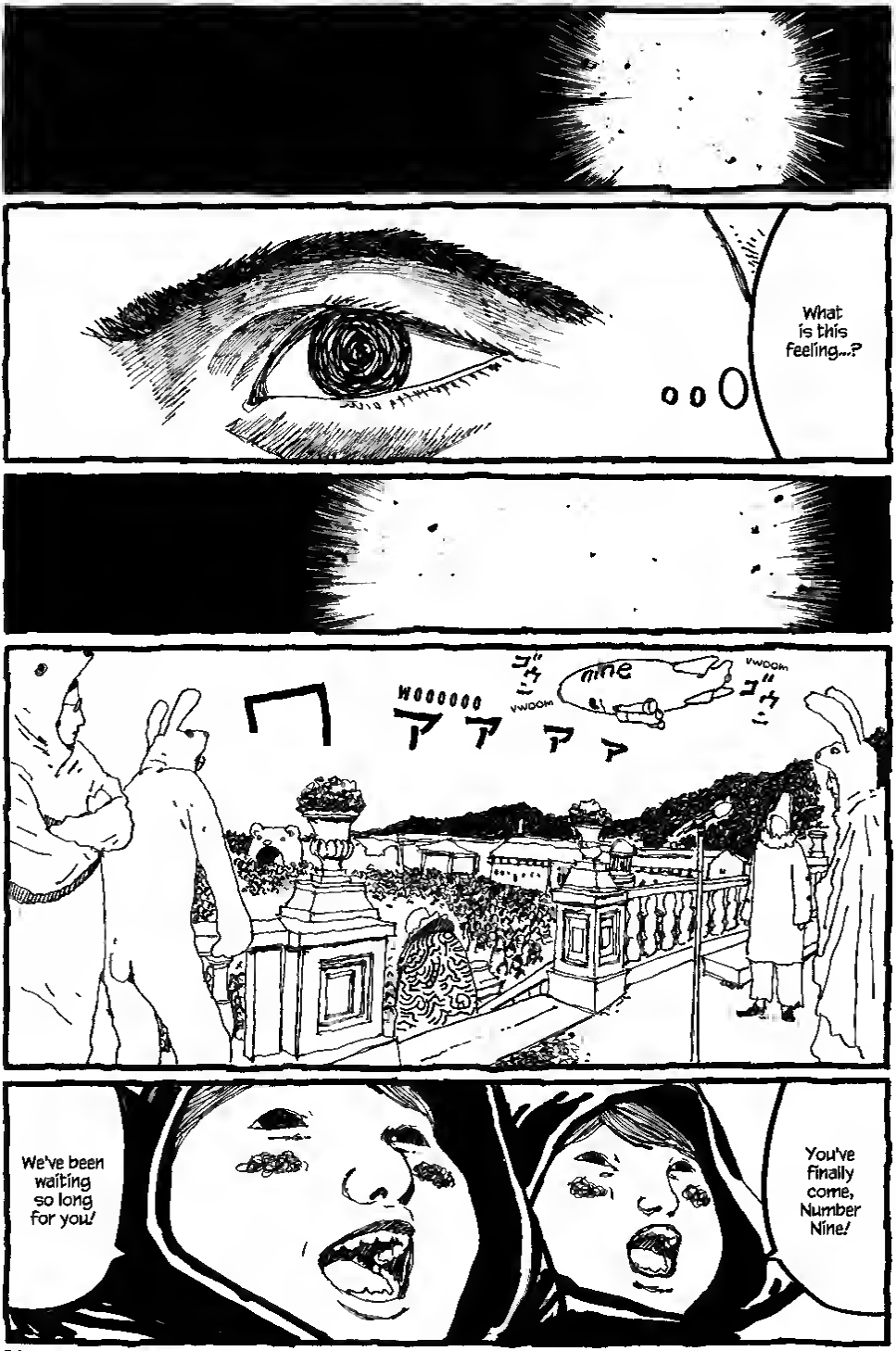

Number Nine invited them. He loves children.
Too many brats around.
Serving as poster boys is our primary role, Number Two.
Is this an inauguration or a retirement ceremony that they all had us turn up for.
is quite strong.
Number Two's anger ...
Just wonder-ful.
Ha ha ...

Yeah.
BANG
BANG
It's probably bigger than ours, huh?
This castle sure is impressive, isn't it, Yuri?


The youngest ever member of the Rainbow Council...
The new Number Nine,
And without further ado, let me introduce to you our new comrade.


Rainbow Council No. 9 (Future No. 1)
Mike Ford Davis!

WOOOOOO
But there's something...
What is it?
I hear he's only 16.
Yeah...
He's still just a kid.


What is this feeling...?
mine
VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM
WOOOOOO
We've been waiting so long for you!
You've finally come, Number Nine!

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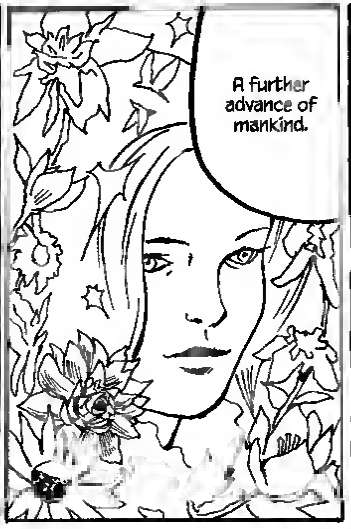
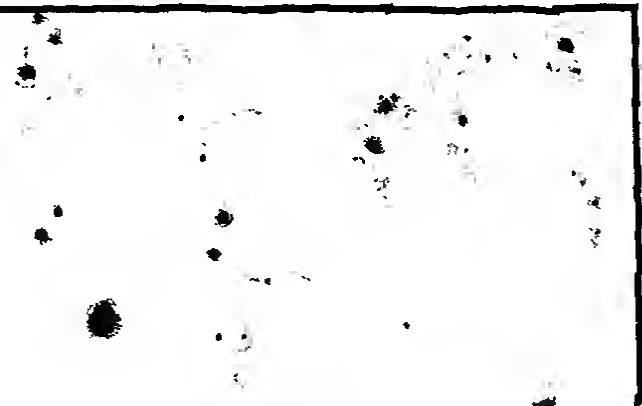
Thank you, Number Four.
I'm so happy to finally be able to meet you two.
We swear to protect you with our lives.
Mister One.
It makes me proud to welcome such a fine soldier.
It's an honor to hear such words from a legendary soldier.
I have only respect for you and your peerless talent.
Thank you, Number Five.
...

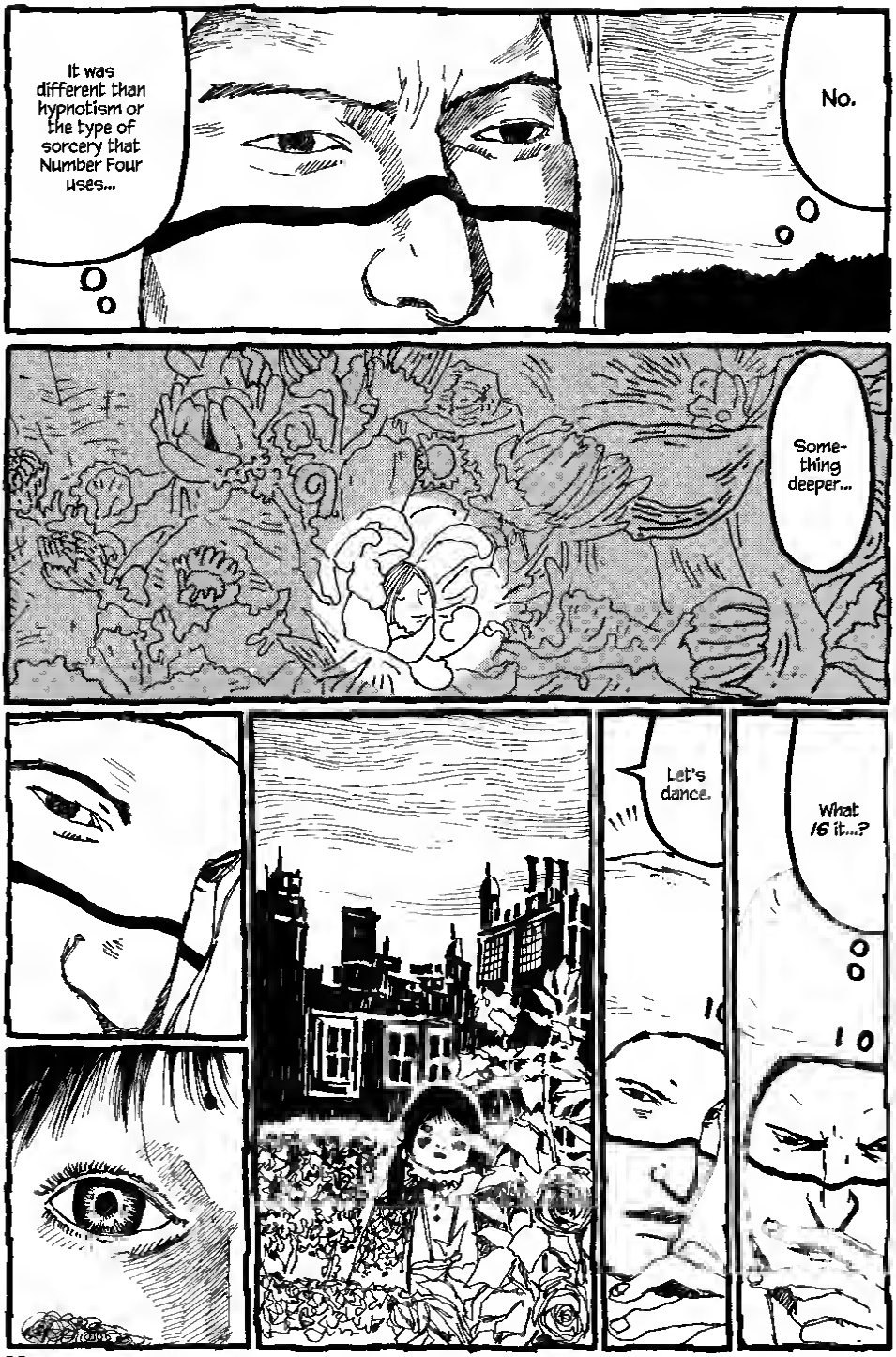
The proud members of the Rainbow Council, all flocking to Number Nine's side.
What a sight.

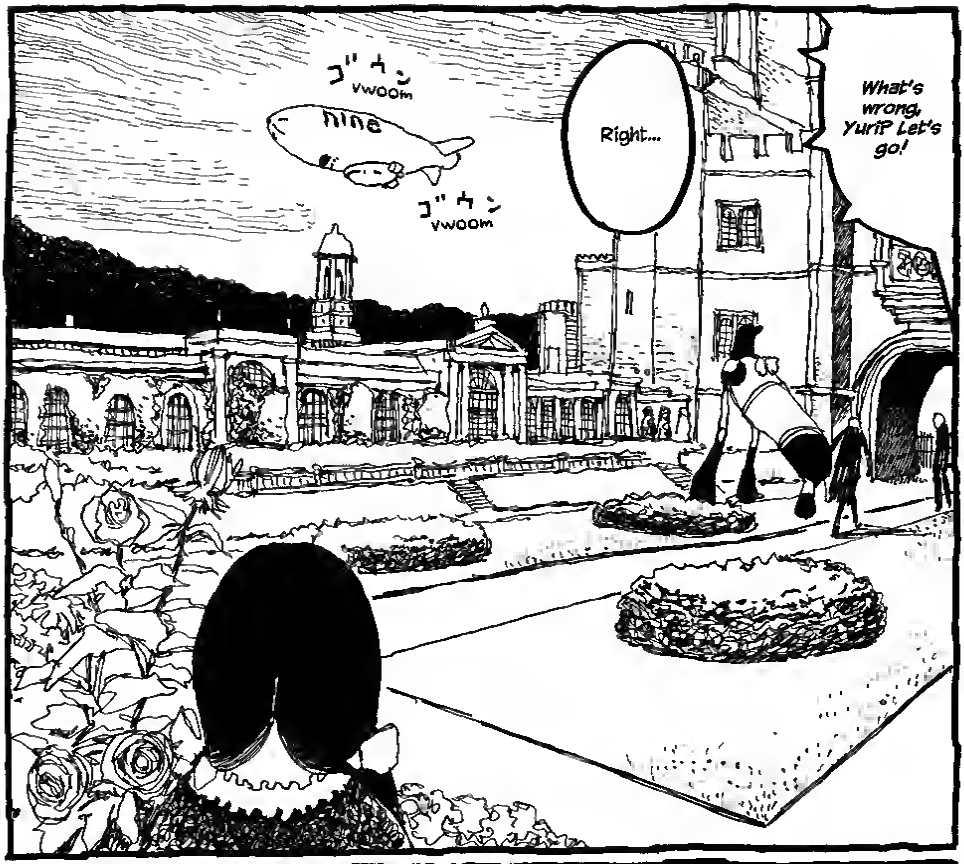

A further advance of mankind.

Yes, I think it'd be fair to call him a masterpiece.
Is that what his ability is, Papa?



IT'S A TRICK!
But the ceremony is still...
What's wrong, Colonel?
We're leaving!
What?
That brat's using a trick.
A trick?


It was different than hypnotism or the type of sorcery that Number Four uses...
No.
Some-thing deeper...
Let's dance.
What IS it...?



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In a distant future

humanity's boundless insolence

has caused the extinction of most life forms on the face of the planet (humans included).

To answer the necessity of restoring some measure of integrity to the ecosystem, the proliferation of Man and machine has been subjected to legally enforced limitations. (New Survival Laws)

The only military force remaining in this peaceful era

seems pretty much ornamental.

ゴオオオオオオオオ

Chief Donovan has found a passion for the Oud, a musical instrument.

ビ"SZING

(At which he is terrible)

For all this, however, the army still carried out some secrets experiments.

Chapter 14

# 第十四話◉ten years ago

but scientists hardly manifested any concern at all over the subject.

The suggestion of a research program for the creation of the Perfect Being did exist

The nine best among them created a group known as the Rainbow Council, in which they would address one another by their numbers.

The people thus fabricated became the Peacekeeping Corps and were granted high social status.

Experimentation is progressing towards humankind's real centers of interest.

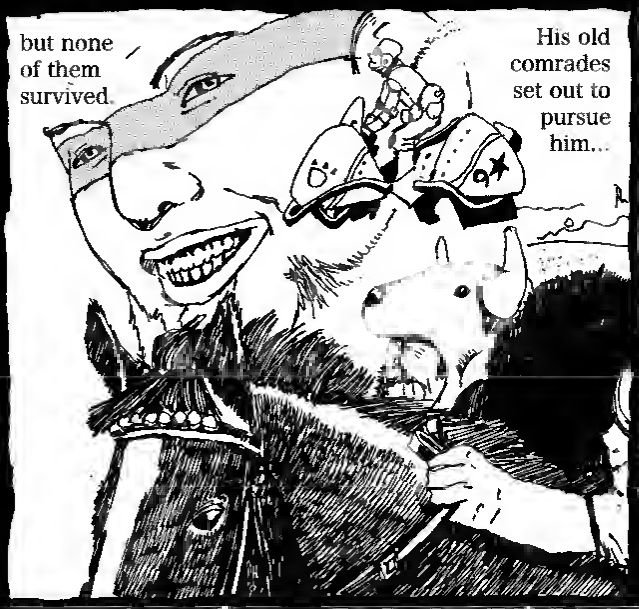
6th Generation Papa, M. Friedrich Monte

it did not take long for internal strife to appear and irremediably break it apart.

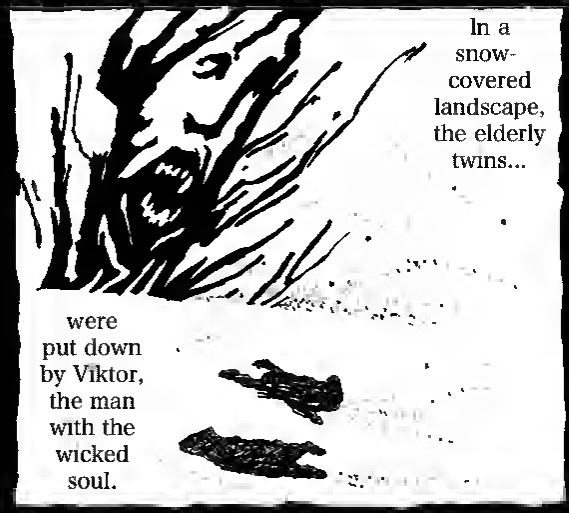
And because this group cruelly lacked any sense of harmony and cohesion...

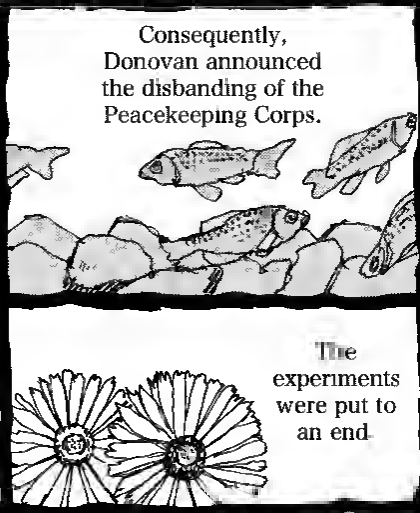
Although they stood at the top of the hierarchy, their main purpose was to act as strawmen, mascots meant to mitigate the army's poor image in the eyes of the general public.

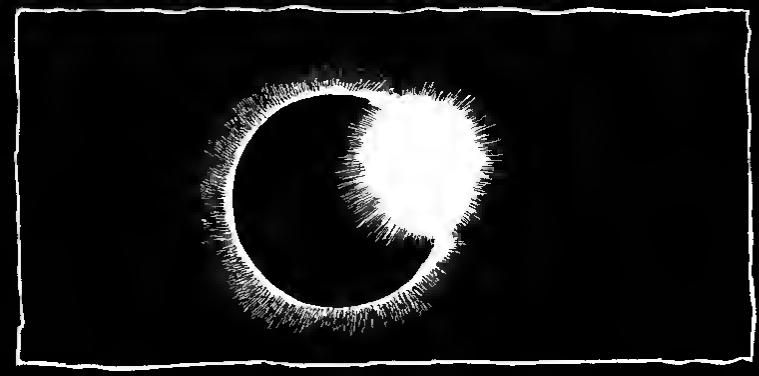
(The Peace Mascot)



and making off with a girl who happened to work there
One evening, one of their members, a man skilled in the handling of weaponry attacked his companions' castle, killing thee of them



In a distant future...

# 第十四話○ten years ago

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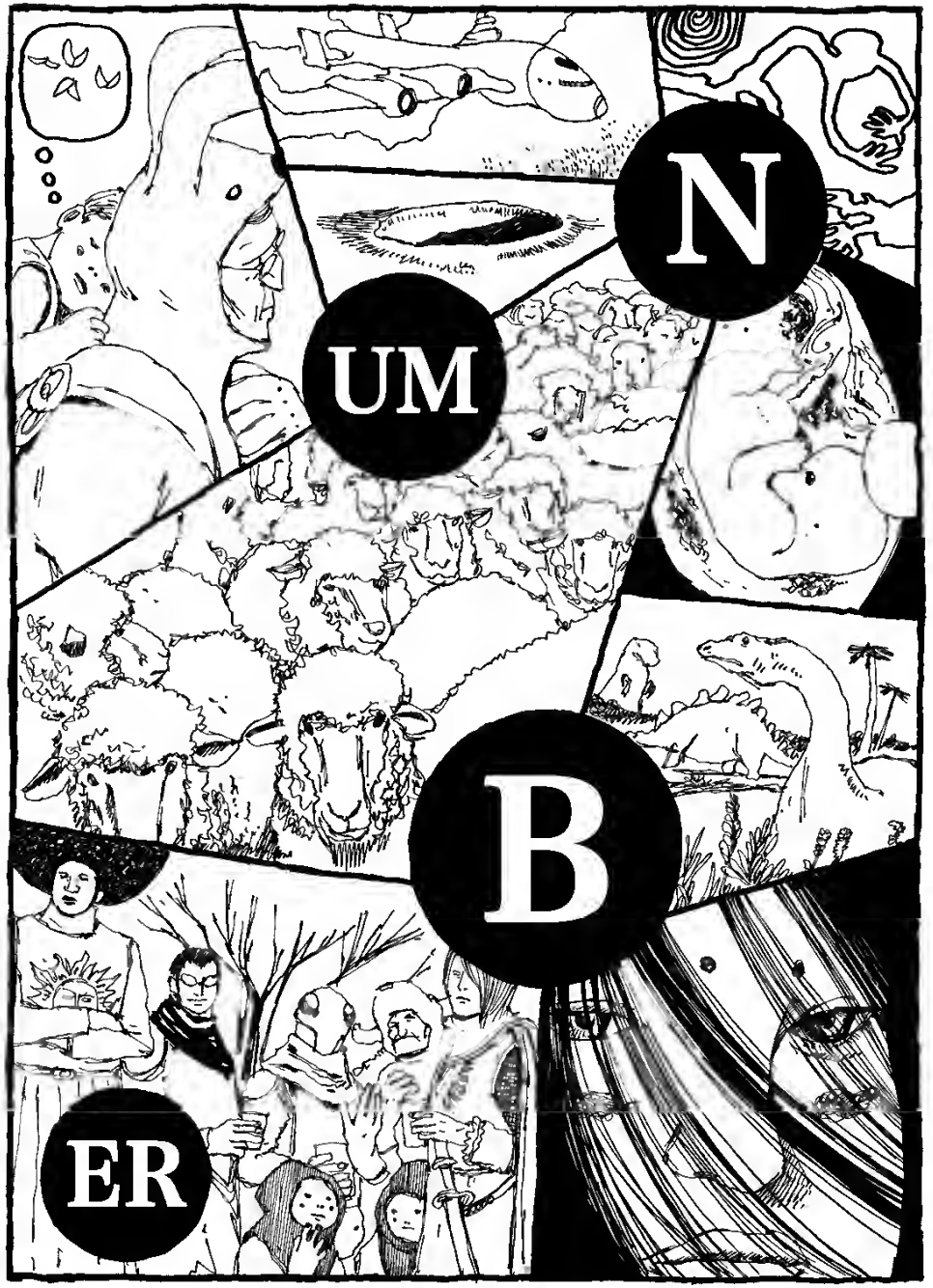

# 10 years prior to the twins' assassination

Rainbow Council
No. 3
(Future No. 1)
...
For the protection ♪ of peace worldwide ♬
Tak ...
Justice! Justice! ♬ We act for Justice.
Onwards, goes the Peace-♬ keeping Corps! ♪
And the most important thing of all... ♬
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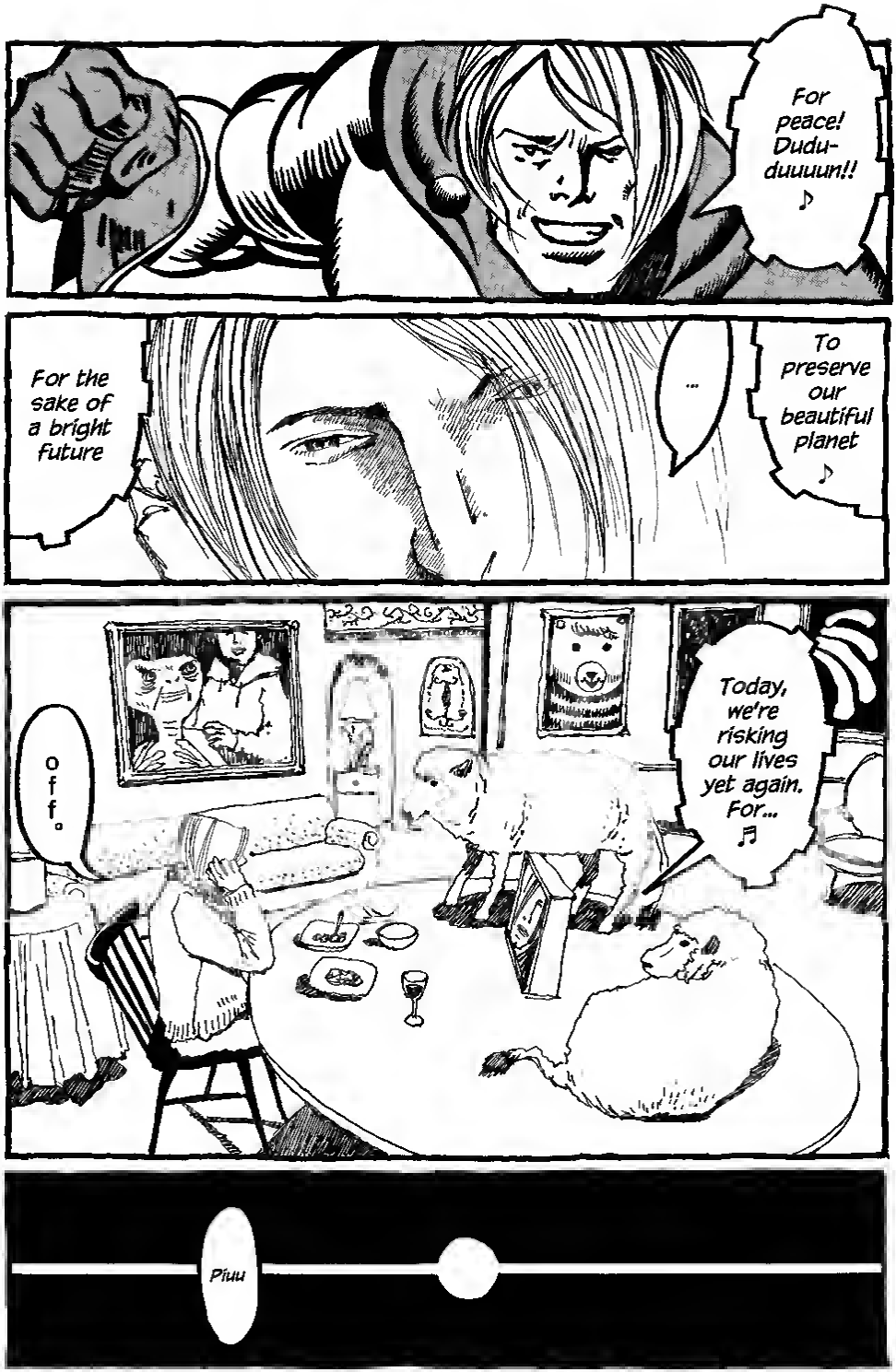
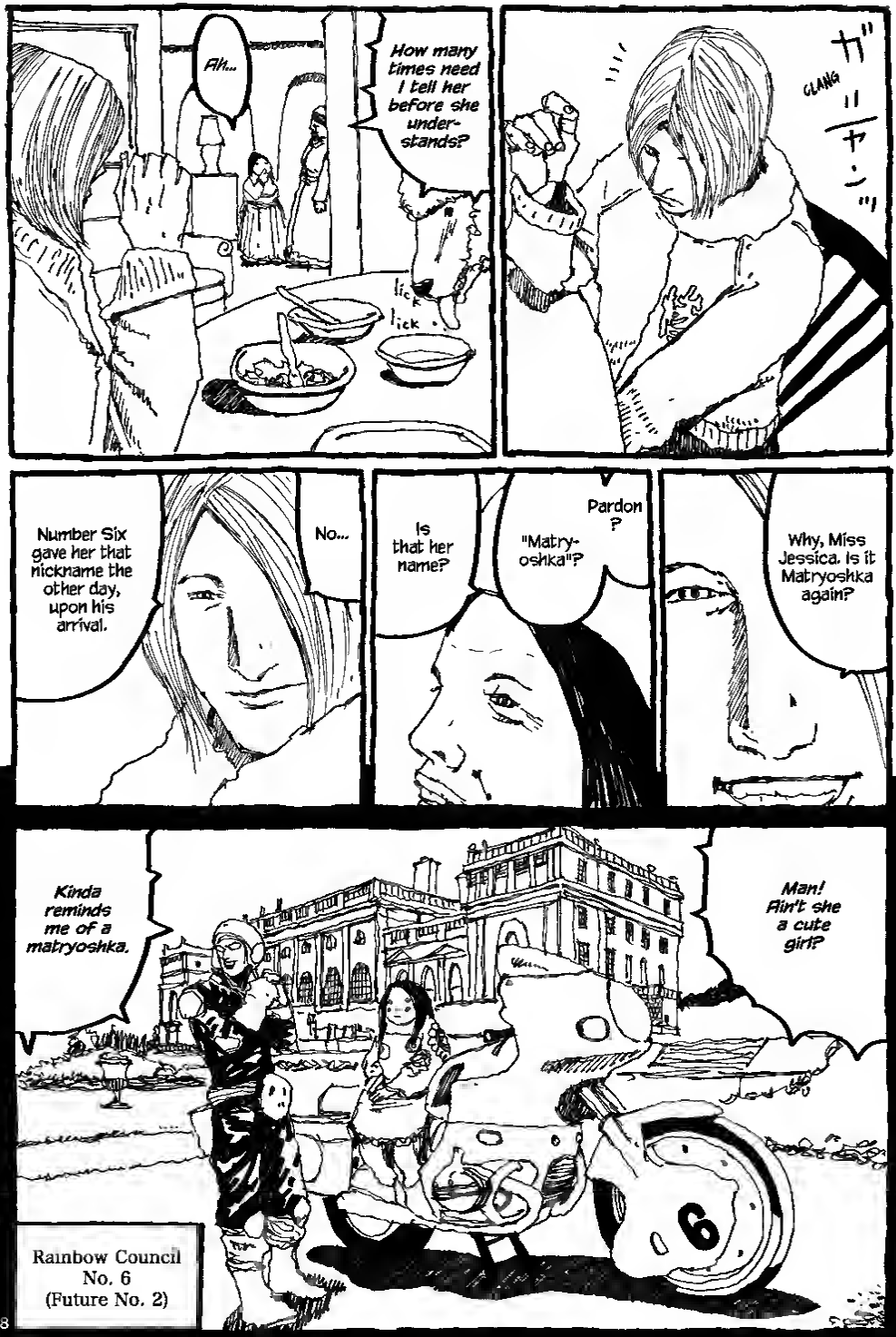
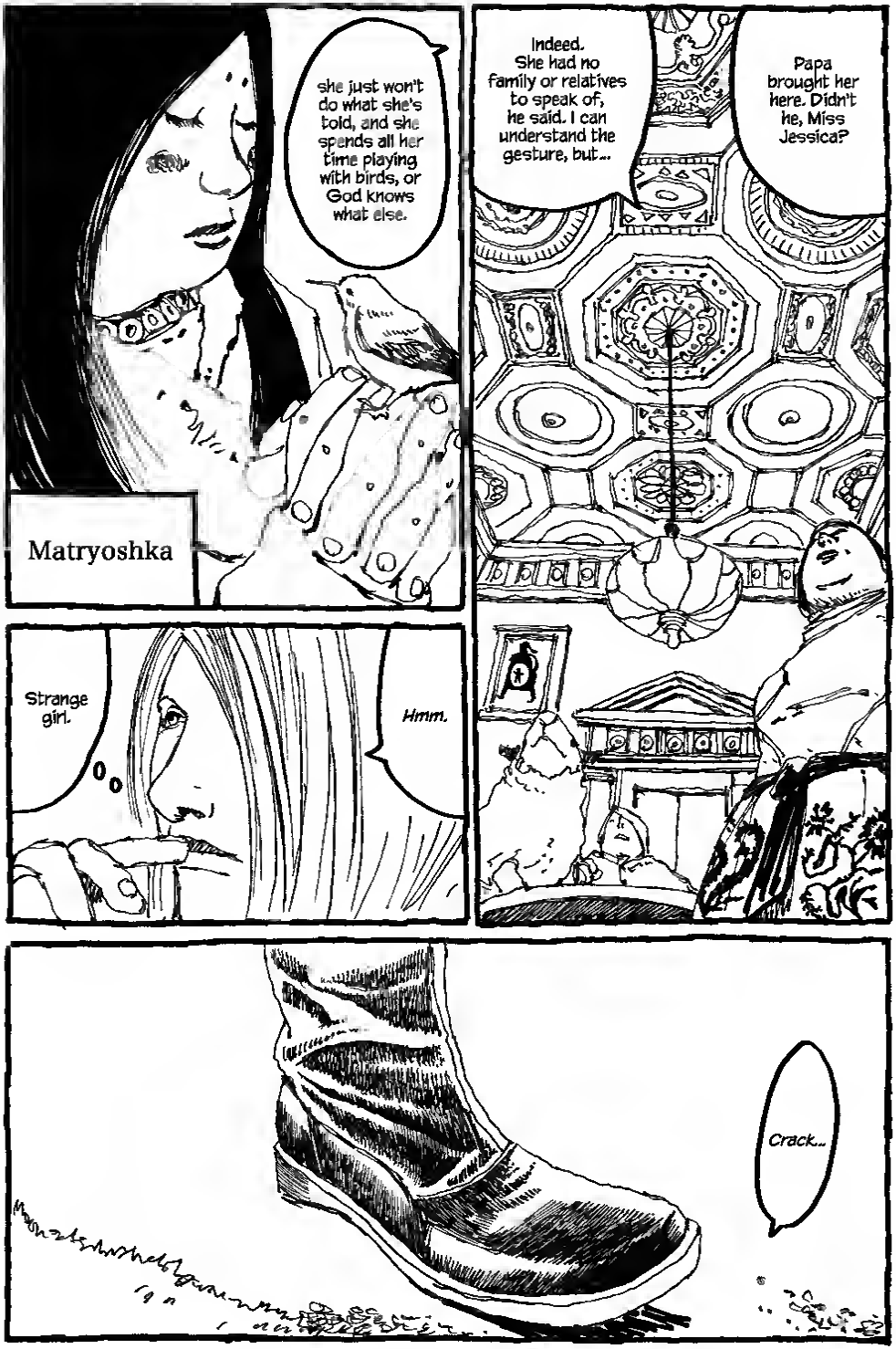

For peace! Dudu-duuuun!! ♪
To preserve our beautiful planet ♪
...
For the sake of a bright future
Today, we're risking our lives yet again. For... ♬
Off。
Piuu



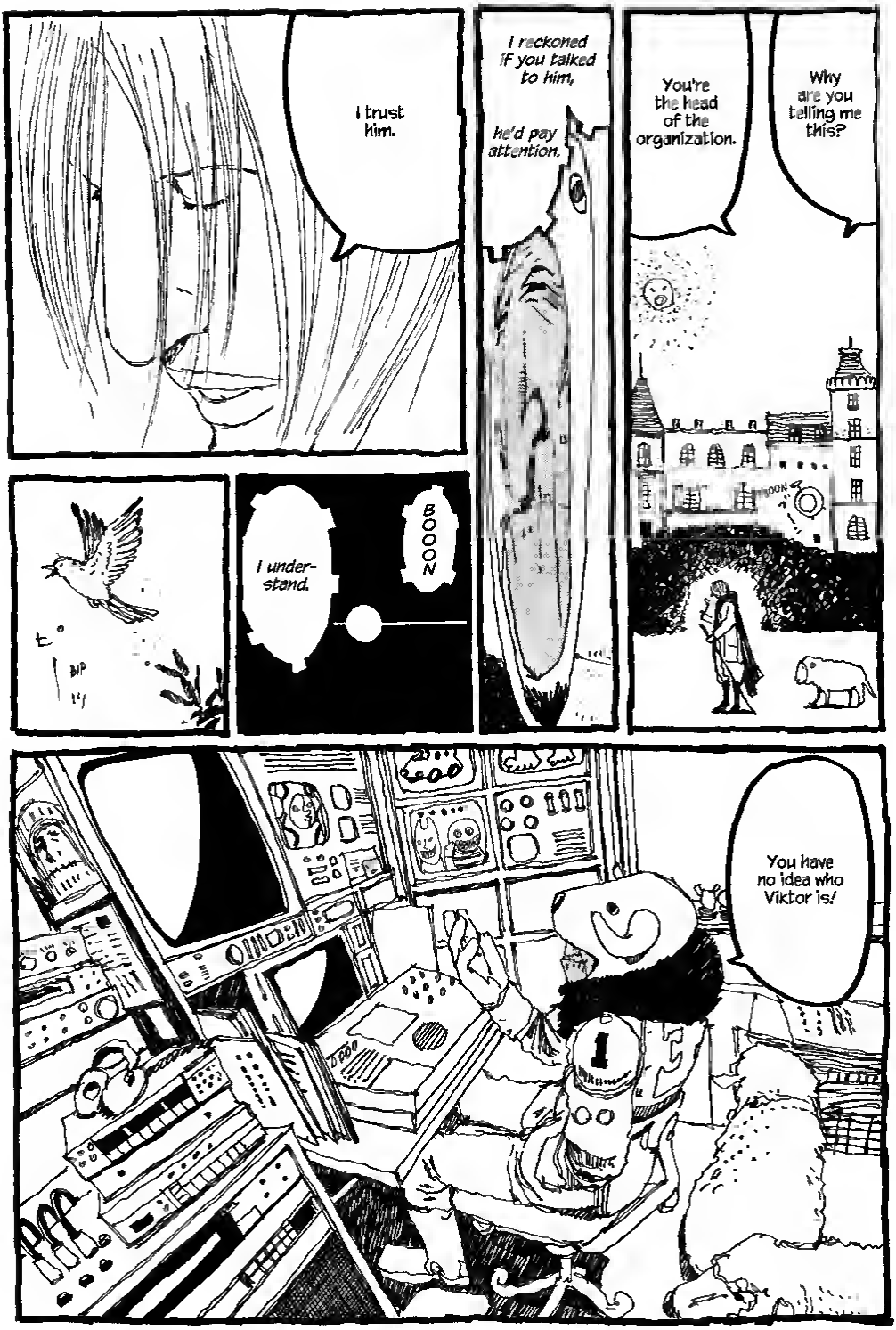

Rainbow Council
No. 6
(Future No. 2)

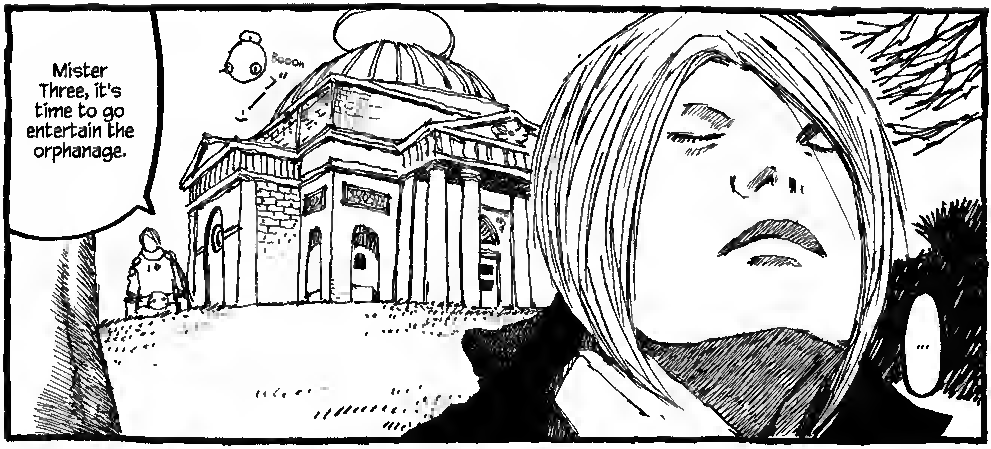

she just won't do what she's told, and she spends all her time playing with birds, or God knows what else.
Matryoshka
Indeed. She had no family or relatives to speak of, he said. I can understand the gesture, but...
Papa brought her here. Didn't he, Miss Jessica?
Strange girl.
Hmm.
Crack...

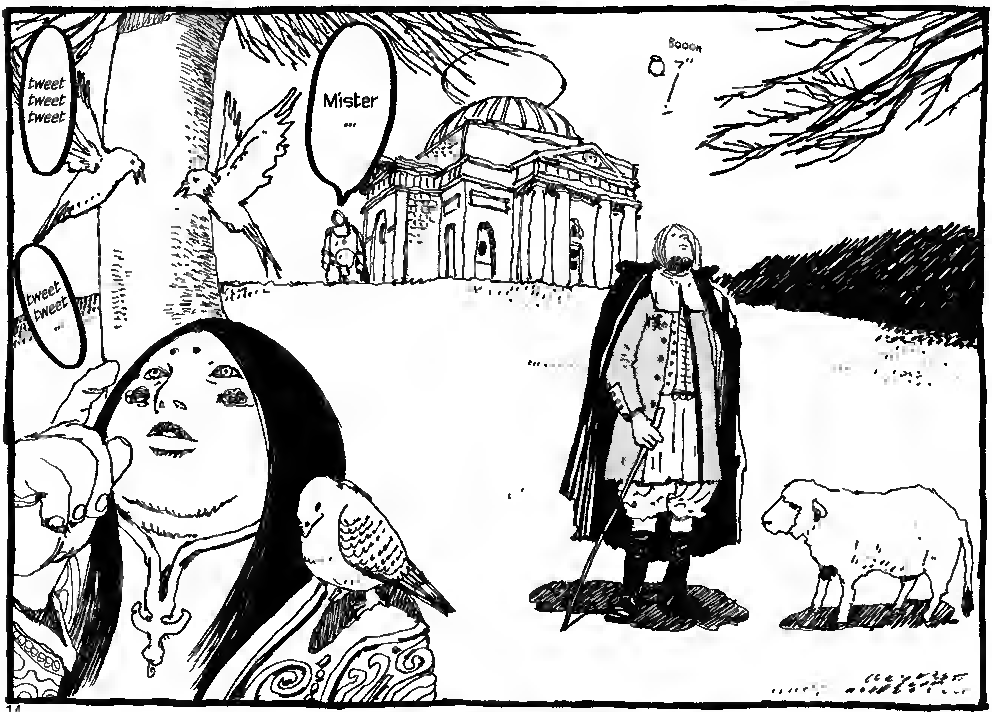
BOOO
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET...
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET...
10
Out on a stroll, I see... That's what I call distinguished.
Hmm.
How's your life?
Well well well! Number One!
Bip
Number Three, you got a minute?
Huh?
Have you seen that commercial?
Yeah, I did. So what about it?
BOOOH
The one for the Peace-keeping Corps.
Rainbow Council No. 1 (Future No. 6 KIA)

I reckon a cartoonish vibe would be better... Disney-style, or something along those lines...
I can't stand how masculine it feels.
He wants to annihilate the Rotaboni. He's dead set on it.
Rotaboni?
Well, it does sounds pressing enough to me.
Number Two? What about him?
Huh...?
We have more pressing matters: like Viktor!
Booon
The army's been keeping an eye on 'em for some time, in the Hazardo area.
A bunch of criminal jacks-of-all-trades: drugs, money counterfeiting, weapons...

The members of that organization aren't even in their twenties, right?
I am aware.
That's the thing. No one did.
Boon
Who authorized this?
Viktor's gonna kill them all.
He will act nonetheless.
Even some people higher-up have been voicing their approval of him, lately.
The media never fail to point out the positive impact that a forceful approach has on criminality.
That's how he built up all his cred, actually.
He was always like this.


I trust him.
I reckoned if you talked to him,
he'd pay attention.
You're the head of the organization.
Why are you telling me this?
I understand.
BOOON
BIP
You have no idea who Viktor is!


Mister Three, it's time to go entertain the orphanage.
Boom
...


tweet tweet tweet
Mister ...
tweet tweet
Boom

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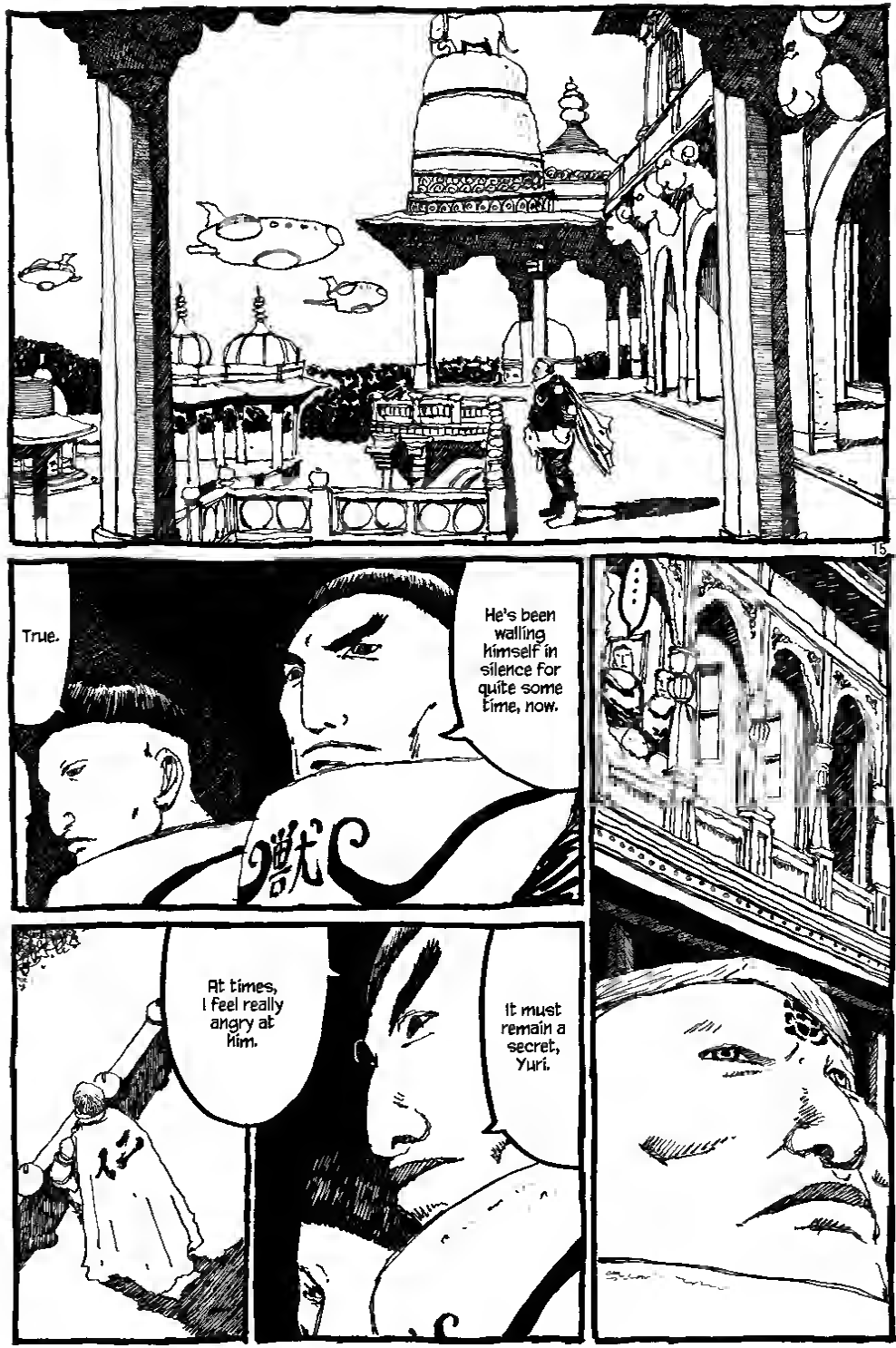
Rainbow Council No. 2 Viktor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He's been walling himself in silence for quite some time, now.
True.
It must remain a secret, Yuri.
At times, I feel really angry at him.

...
Angry at the Colonel to whom I pledged my undying loyalty.
Peacekeeping Corps Second Division Lieutenant Colonel Yuri

Leave
Save the forest
オオオ
*Bacon

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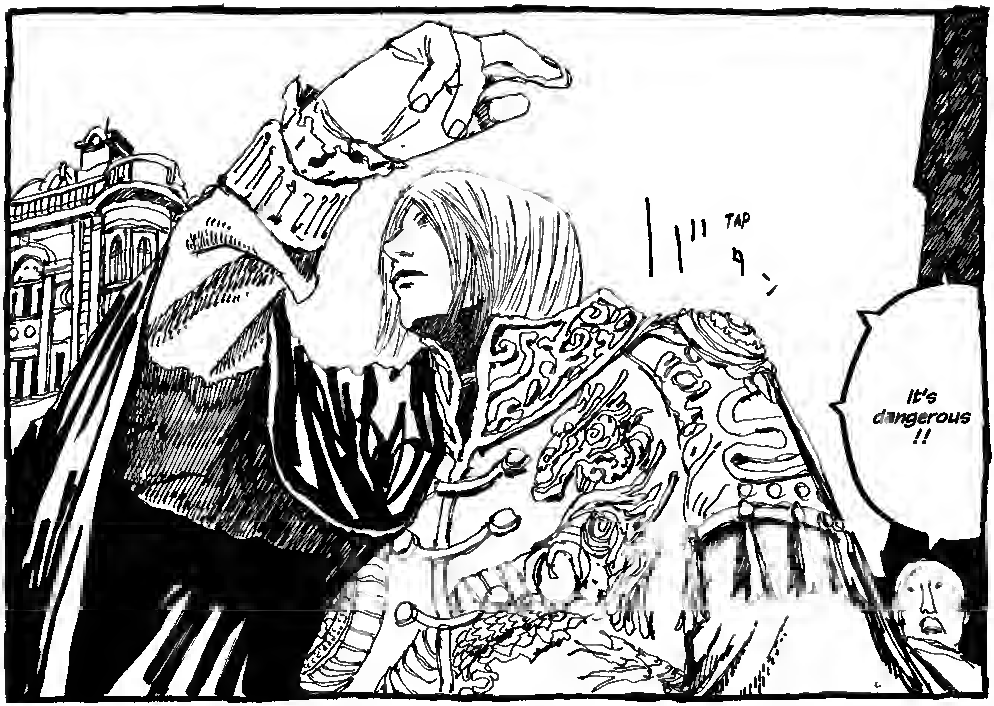
A demonstration.
What's up?
*Yeah!!

Demonstration?
Yes.
Against that new bill proposition. It entails increasing the population by 5% over 10 years.
500TH ANNIVERSARY
Stop the car.
I'll take another route.
We'll be in trouble if they notice you.
Lieutenant Colonel, IF you get out of the car, you'll ...!
CLACK
CLICK...


TAP
It's dangerous !!

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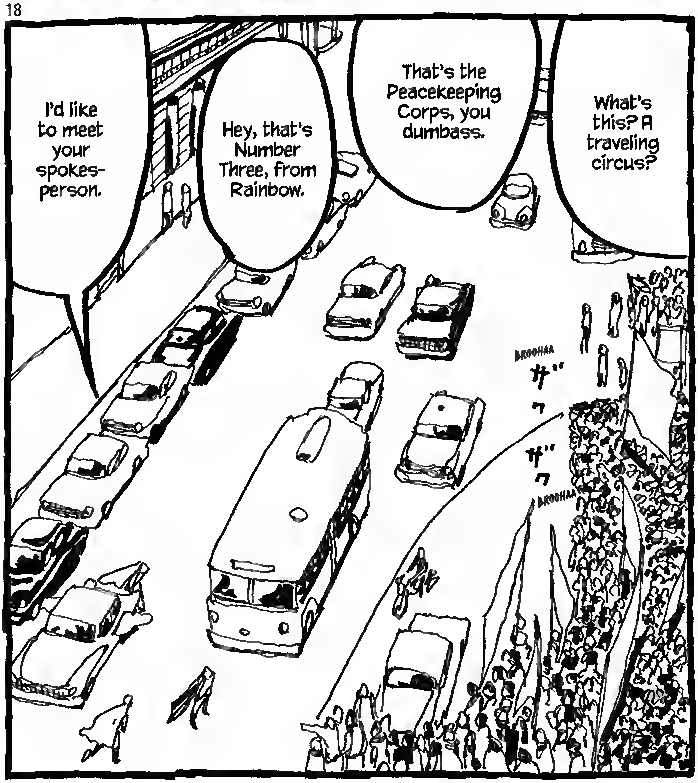
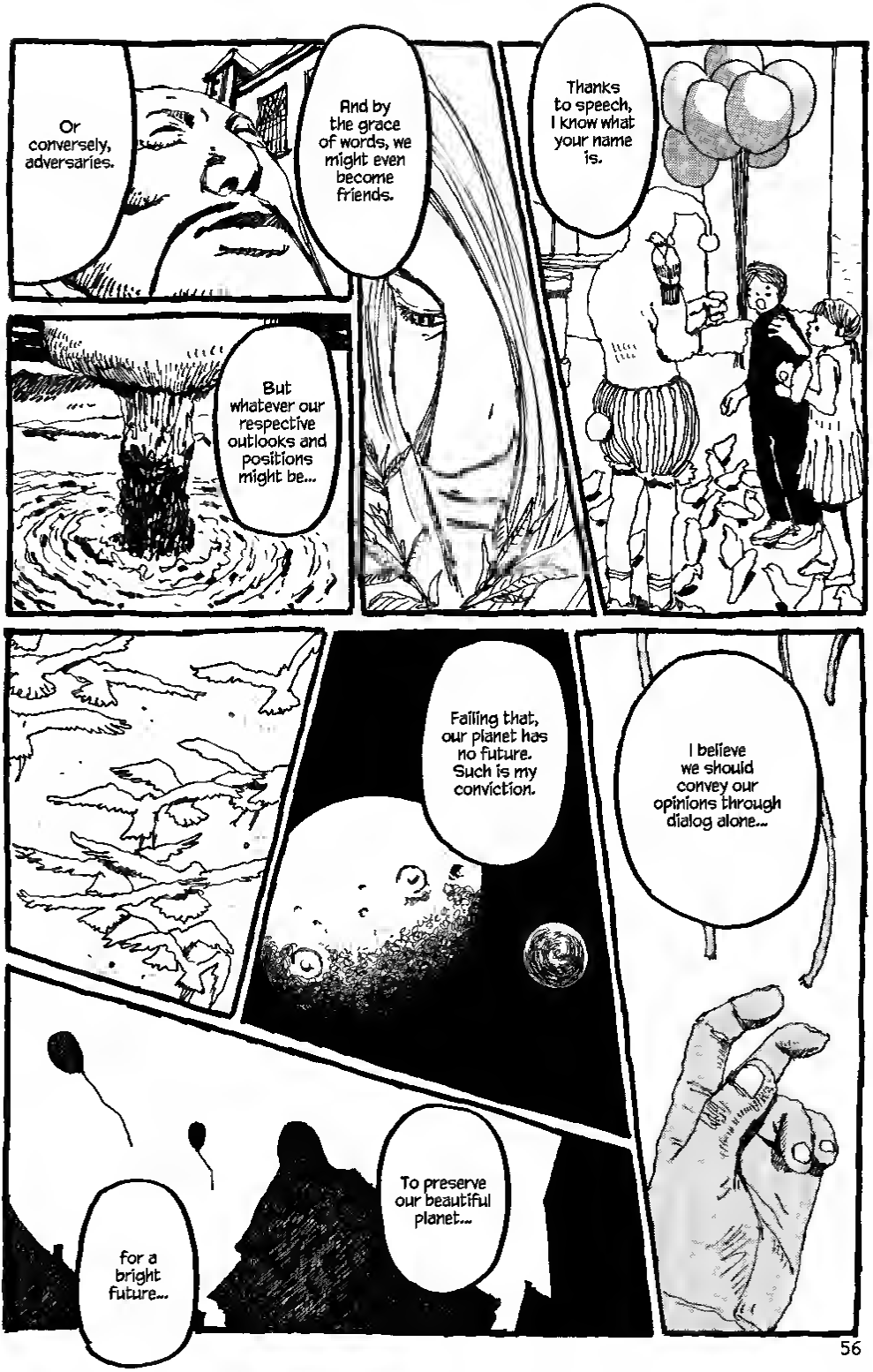
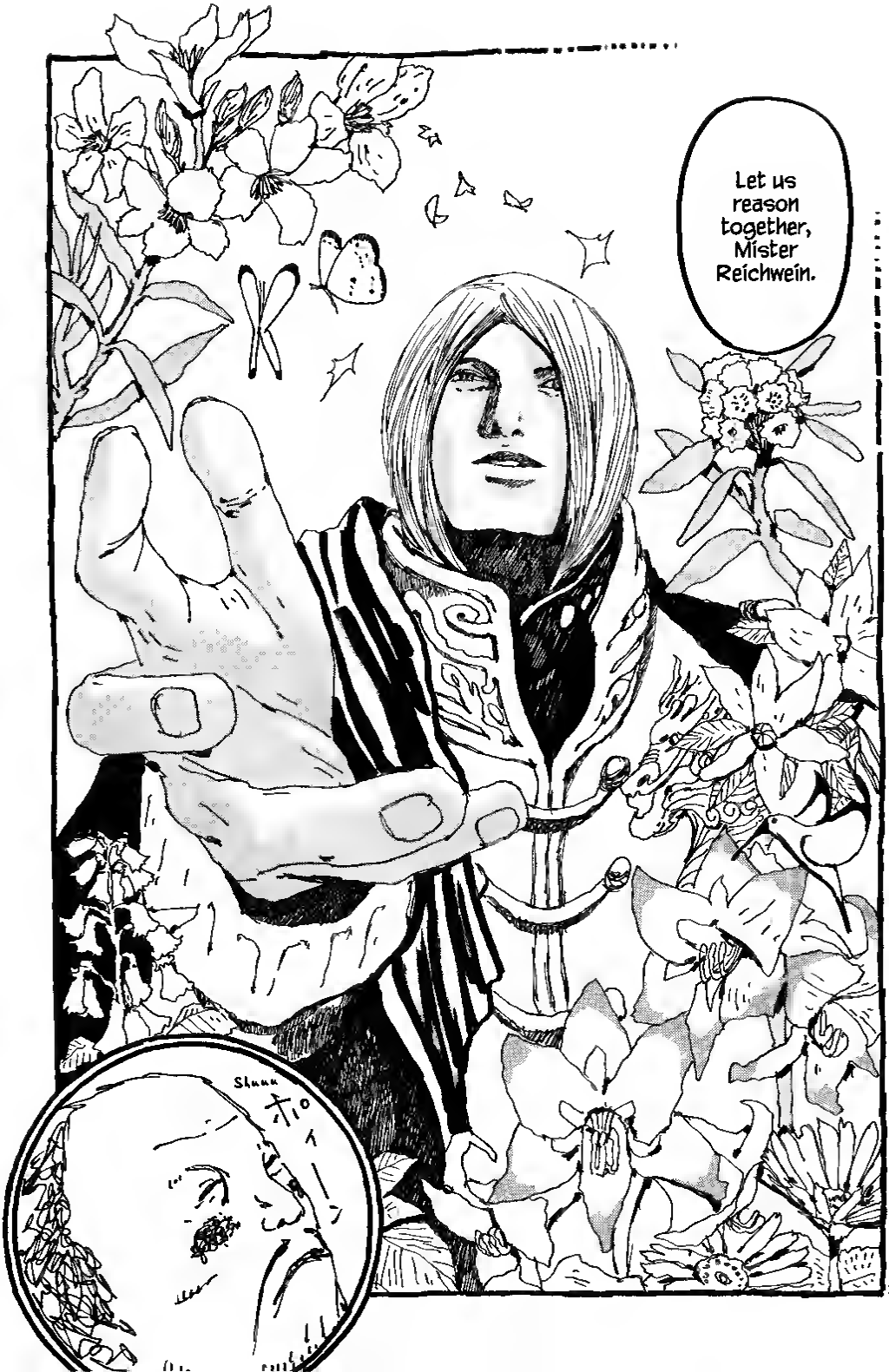

I'd like to meet your spokes-person.
Hey, that's Number Three, from Rainbow.
That's the Peacekeeping Corps, you dumbass.
What's this? A traveling circus?
BROOHAA
BROOHAA

Ah...
Hum.
正直

*representative
What's a puppet of the military doing here?
My name is Mike Ford. I am from the Peacekeeping Corps organization.
and I would like to converse with you, Mister... Mister?
Reichwein.
And I'm not shaking your hand.
It's Three!
It's Three!
A sign, please !!
Speech is truly Man's greatest discovery.
Don't you agree, Mister Reichwein?
Your superiors care nothing for us. That's why we had to take a day off to do this!
YEAH!
You tell him!
ASS-HOLE !!!


Or conversely, adversaries.
And by the grace of words, we might even become friends.
Thanks to speech, I know what your name is.
But whatever our respective outlooks and positions might be...
Failing that, our planet has no future. Such is my conviction.
I believe we should convey our opinions through dialog alone...
To preserve our beautiful planet...
for a bright future...


Let us reason together, Mister Reichwein.
Shuuu
ヒョーン

Alright.
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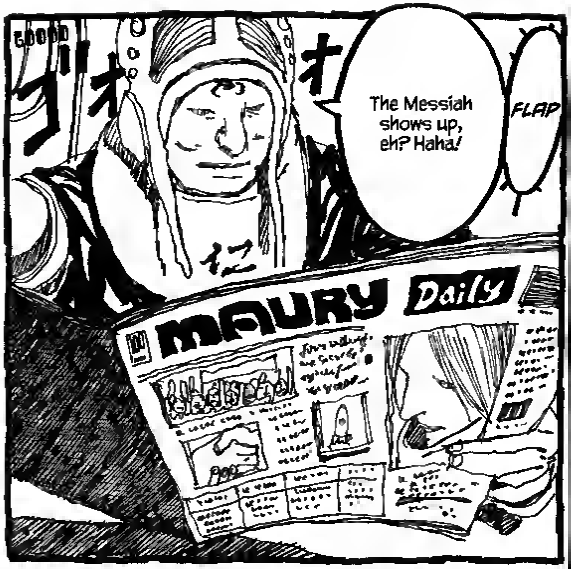
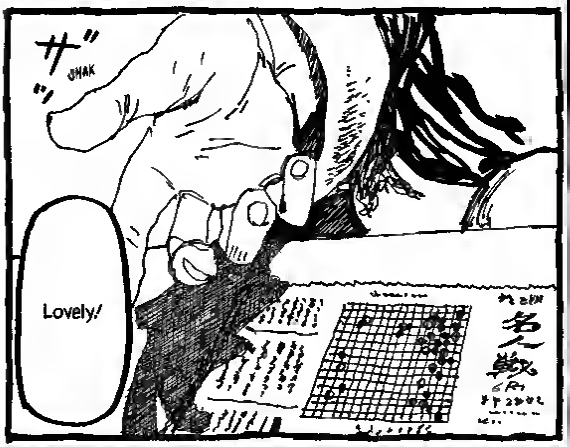
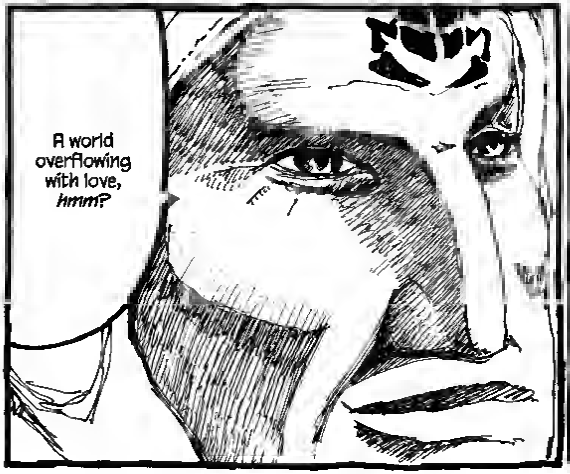
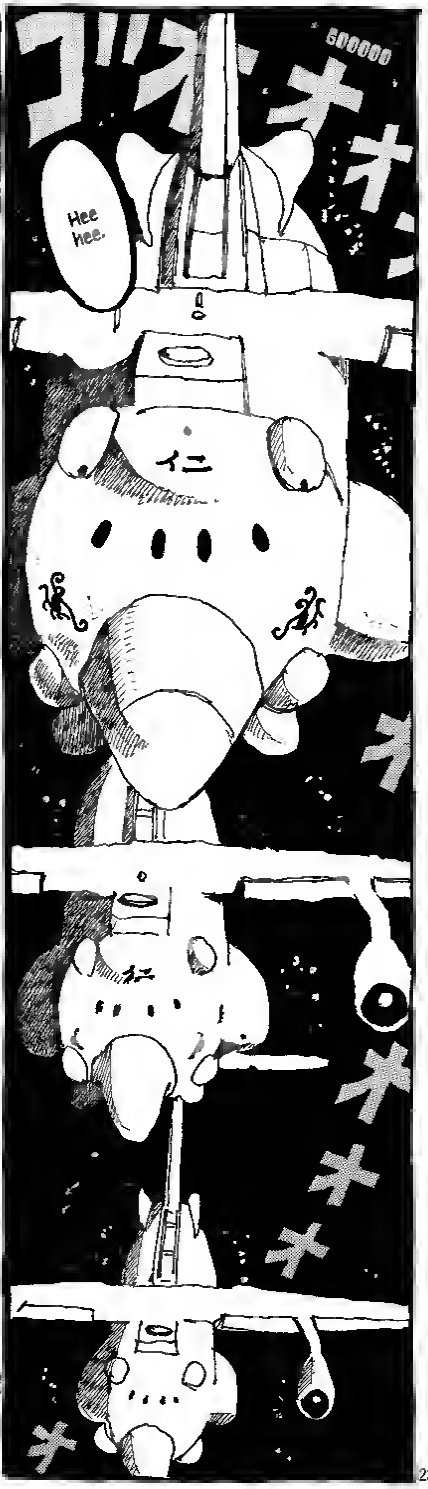
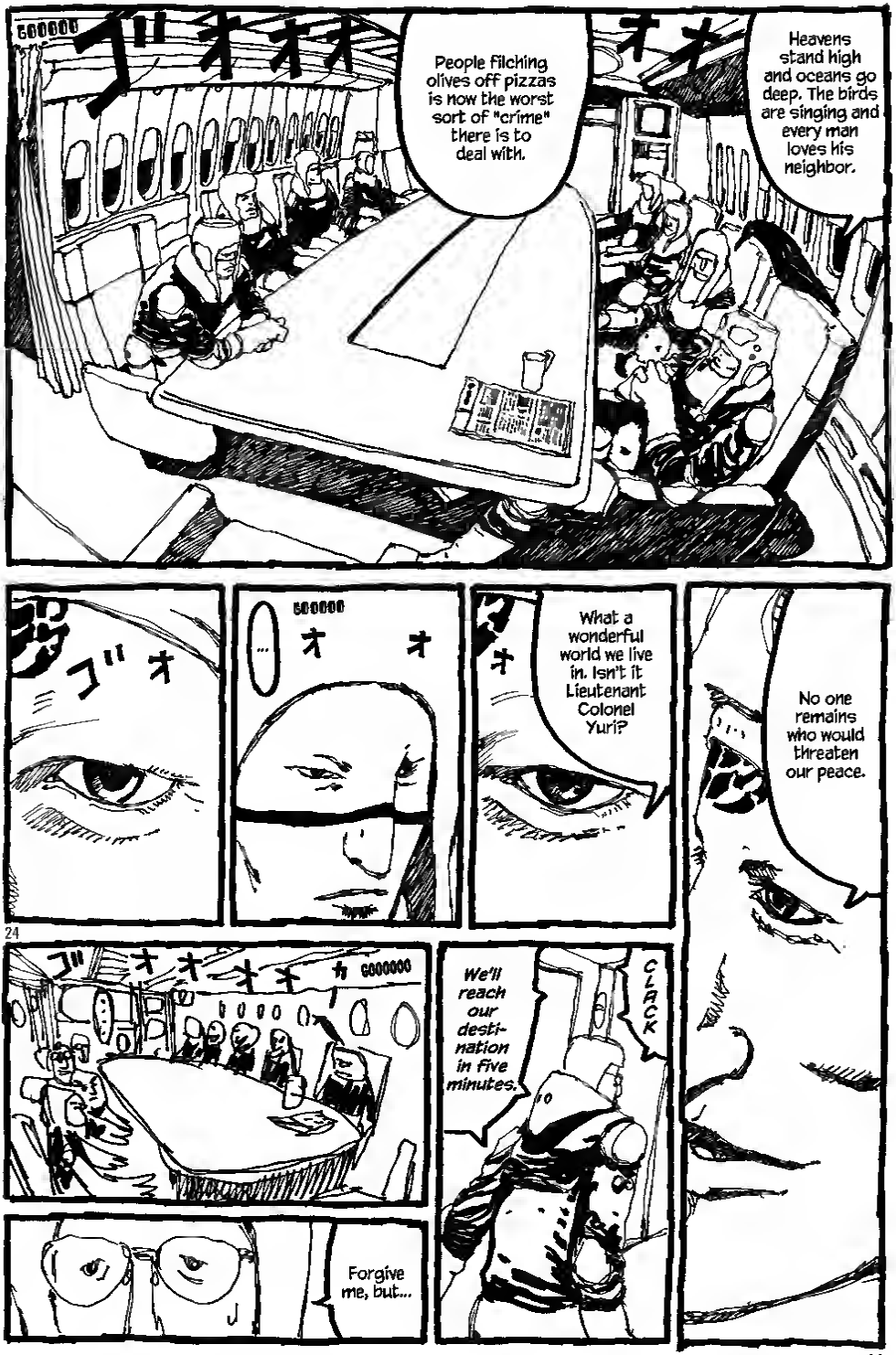
オオオ
ooooh
Peace
Peace
I'm the one who ought to thank you.
No...
Mister Reichwein.
I gratefully acknowledge your open-mindedness.
ooooh!


GOOOO
The Messiah shows up, eh? Haha!
FLAP
MAURY Daily

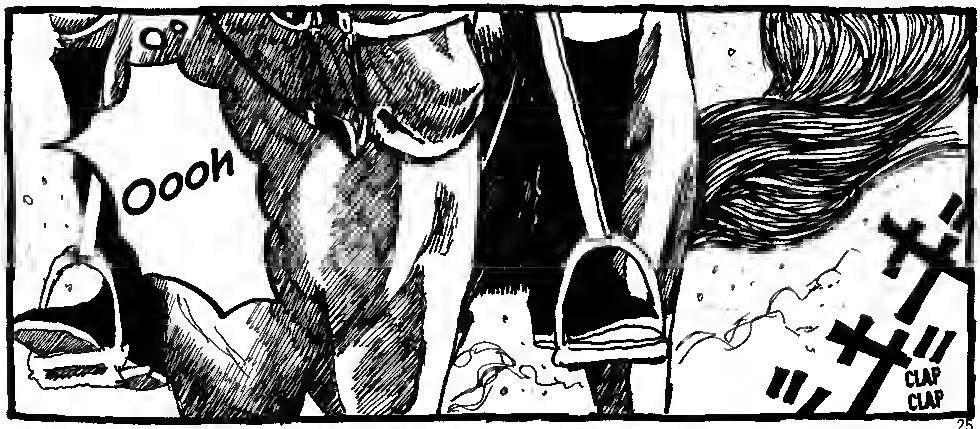

SHAK
Lovely!


A world overflowing with love, hmm?

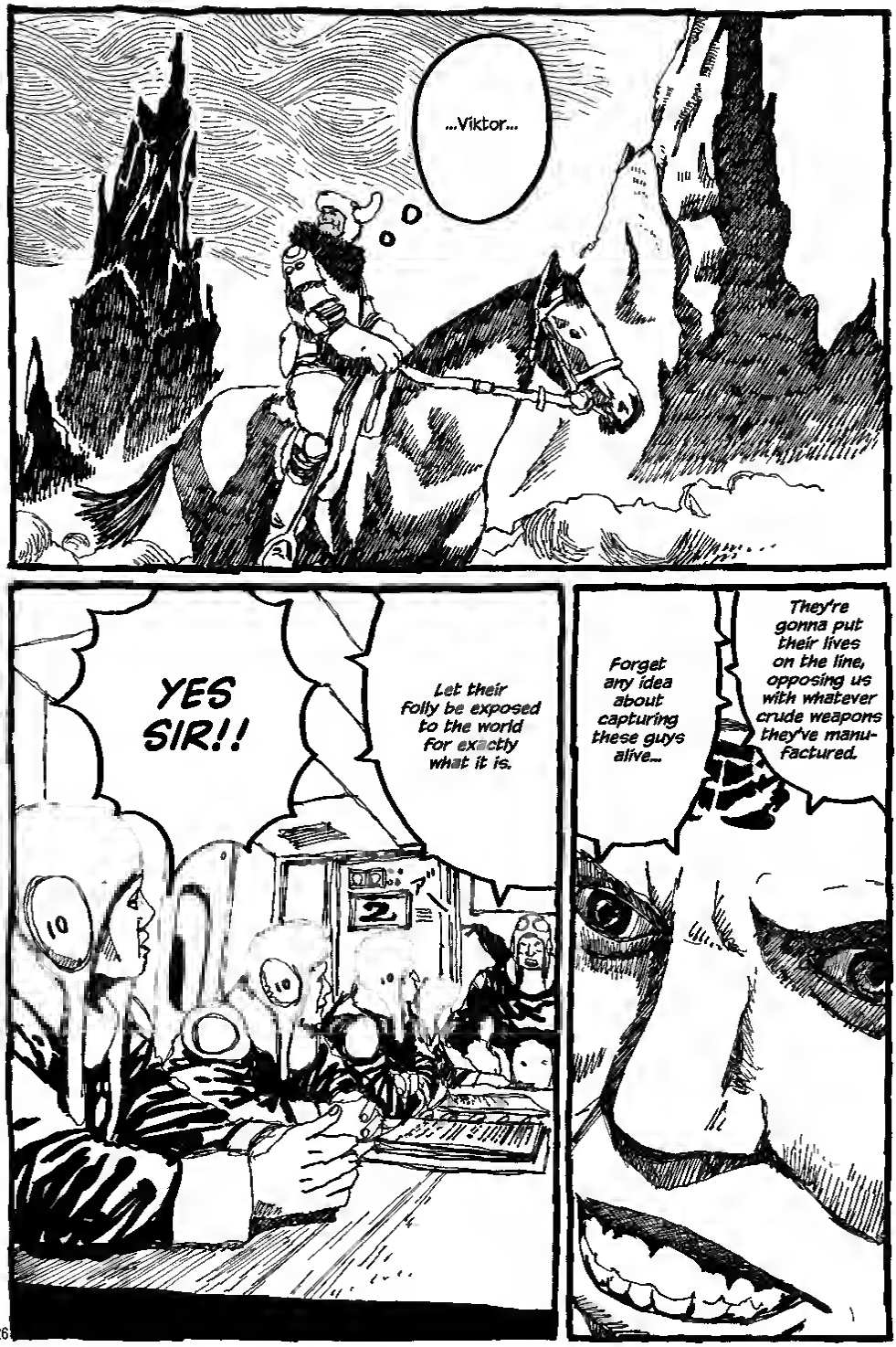

GOOOOO
Hee hee.

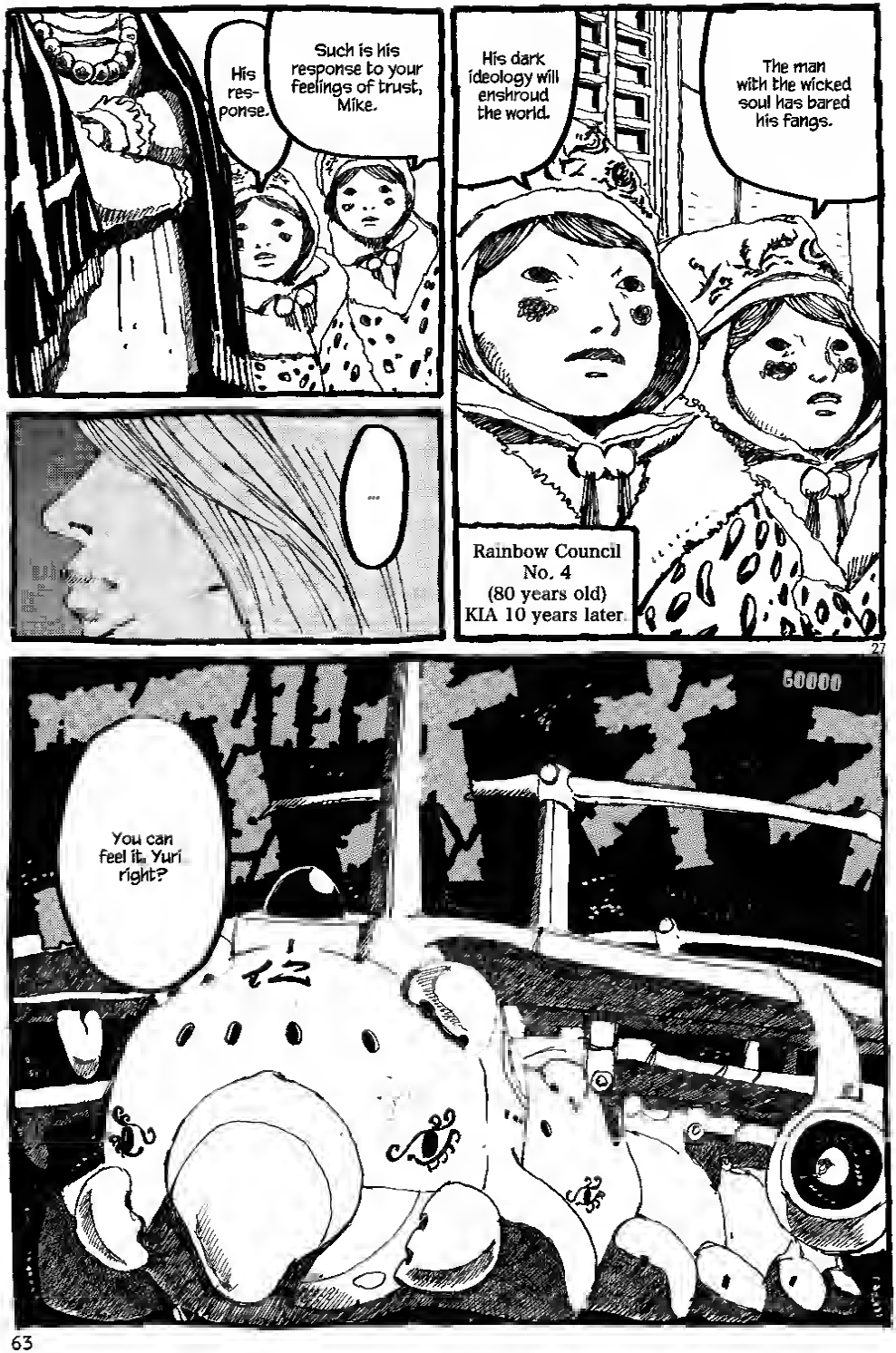

People filching olives off pizzas is now the worst sort of "crime" there is to deal with.
Heavens stand high and oceans go deep. The birds are singing and every man loves his neighbor.
What a wonderful world we live in. Isn't it Lieutenant Colonel Yuri?
No one remains who would threaten our peace.
We'll reach our destination in five minutes.
CLACK
Forgive me, but...

ゴオオオ
GOOO
Pfff...
ヒマヤラン
Understood.


Oooh
CLAP
CLAP

Killing intent ...
Such terrible killing intent. I can feel it.
This is...


...Viktor...
YES SIR!!
Let their folly be exposed to the world for exactly what it is.
Forget any idea about capturing these guys alive...
They're gonna put their lives on the line, opposing us with whatever crude weapons they've manufactured.


Such is his response to your feelings of trust, Mike.
His response.
...
The man with the wicked soul has bared his fangs.
His dark ideology will enshroud the world.
Rainbow Council No. 4 (80 years old) KIA 10 years later.
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GOOOO
You can feel it, Yuri right?

Number Three is furious indeed.
ゴォオオオ
...

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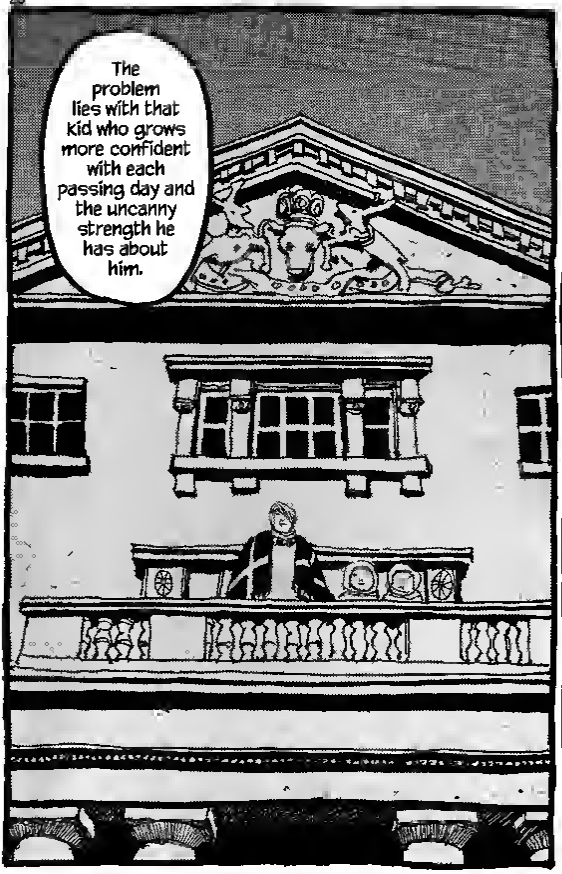
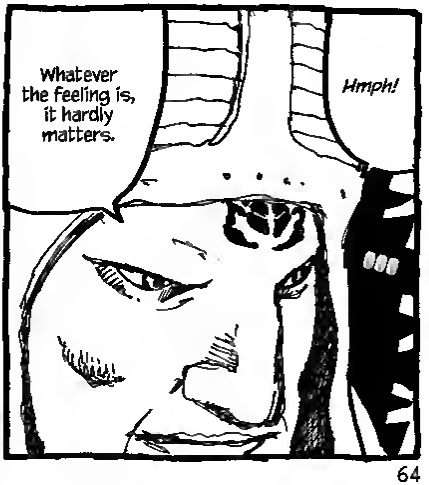
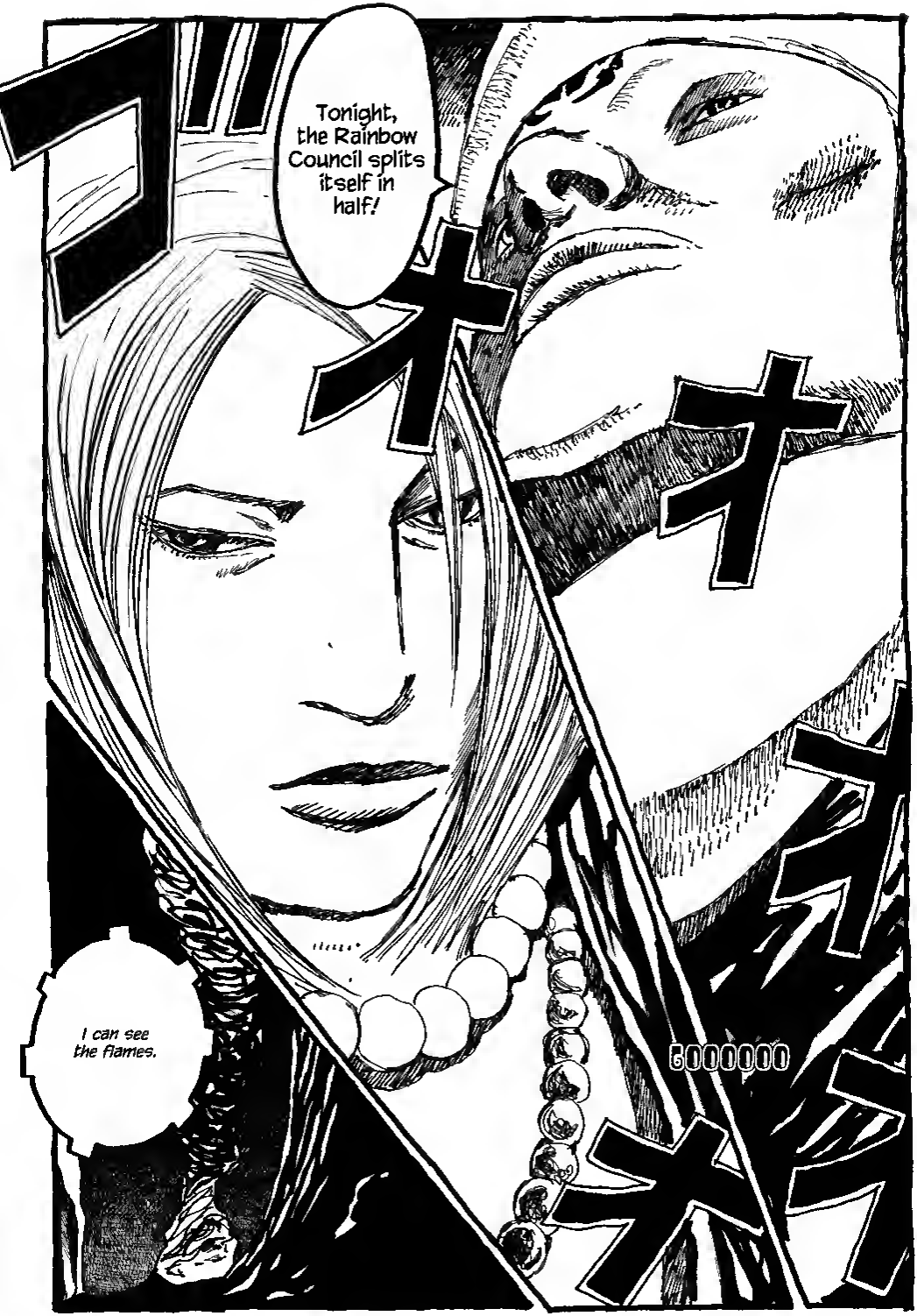
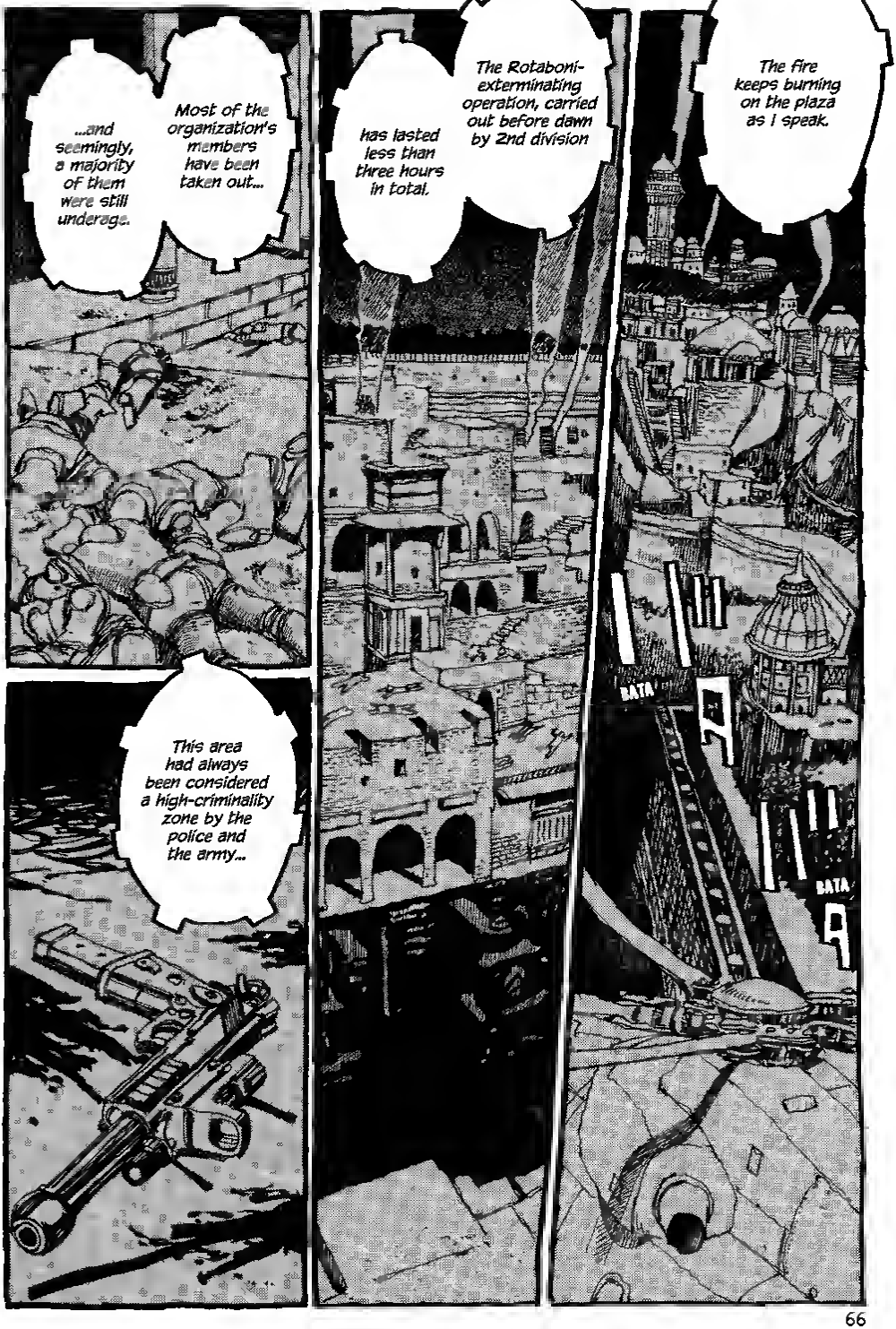

The problem lies with that kid who grows more confident with each passing day and the uncanny strength he has about him.

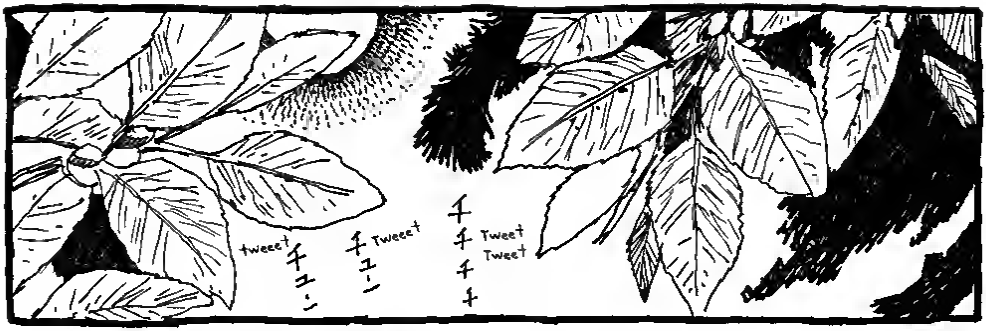
ゴォオオオ
That was sadness, Captain.

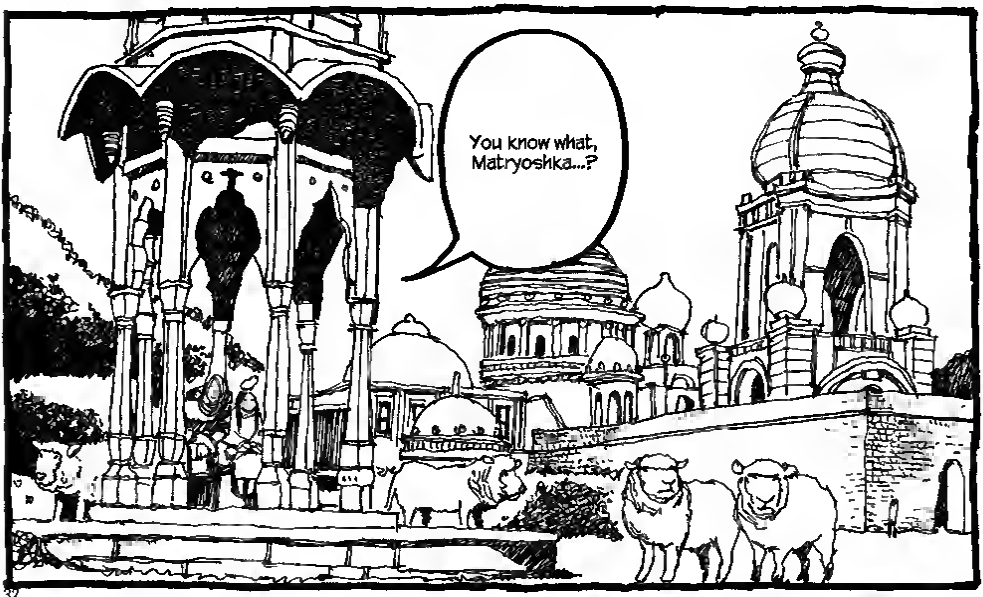

Whatever the feeling is, it hardly matters.
Hmph!


Tonight, the Rainbow Council splits itself in half!
I can see the flames.
GOOOOOO


...and seemingly, a majority of them were still underage.
Most of the organization's members have been taken out...
has lasted less than three hours in total.
The Rotaboni-exterminating operation, carried out before dawn by 2nd division
The fire keeps burning on the plaza as I speak.
This area had always been considered a high-criminality zone by the police and the army...
BATA
BATA

I have no idea.
This operation has been carried out on an arbitrary decision from Colonel Viktor, from the Peacekeeping Corps' 2nd division.
Chief of Staff Donovan have denied any involvement...
DATA
DATA
DATA
This should make for some interesting developments!
...the issue will be brought to military court, and Colonel Viktor's presence will be required...
DATA
DATA
DATA

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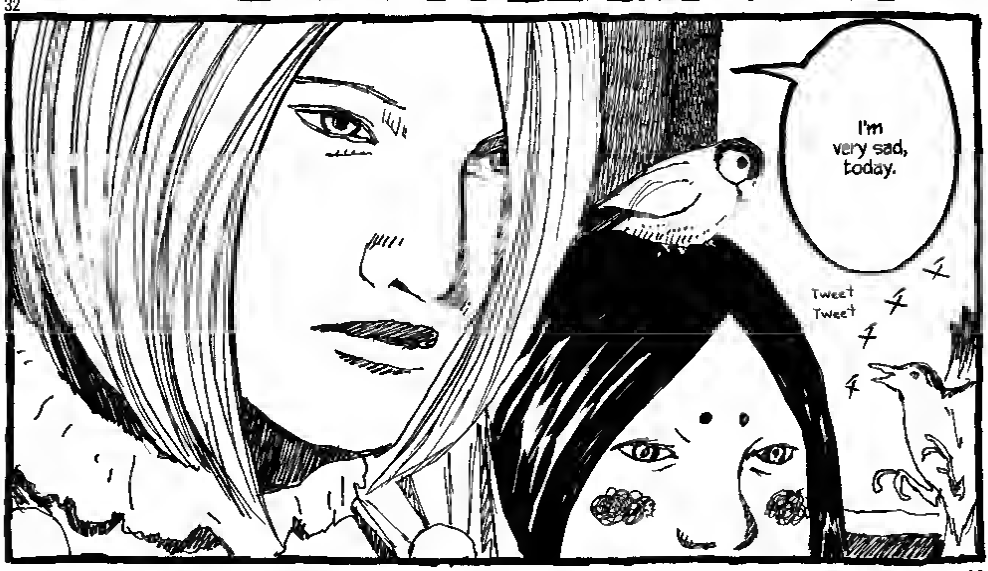


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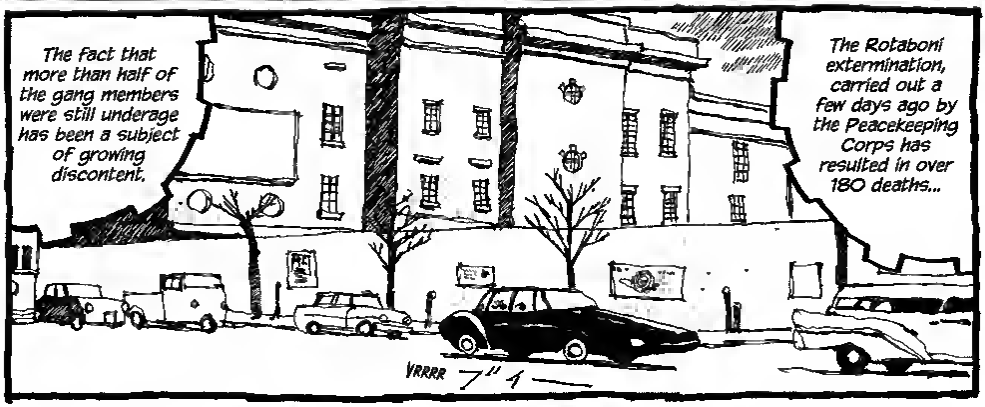
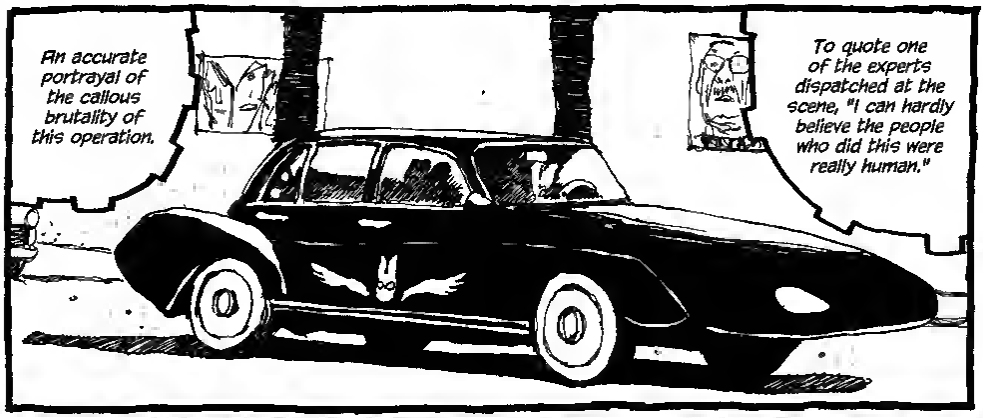
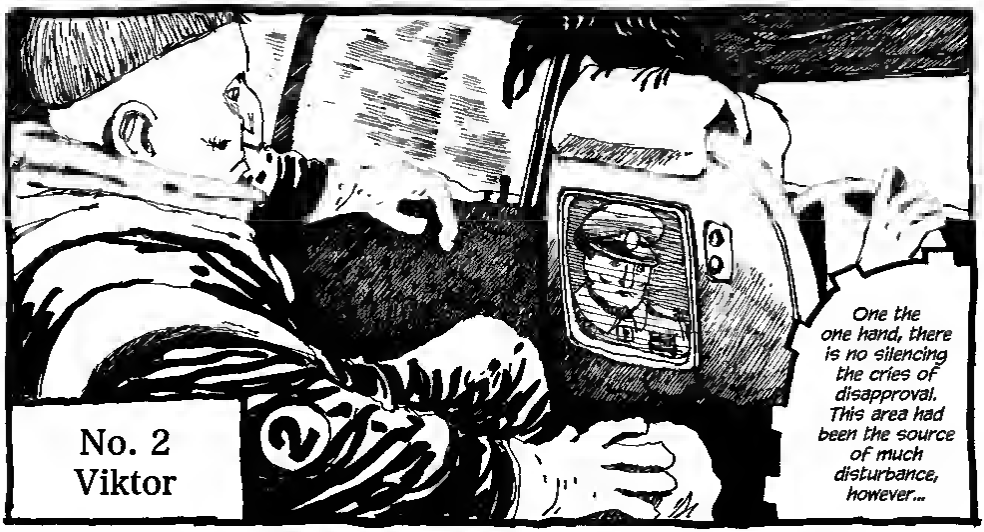
# 第十五話◉gone days

## Chapter 15

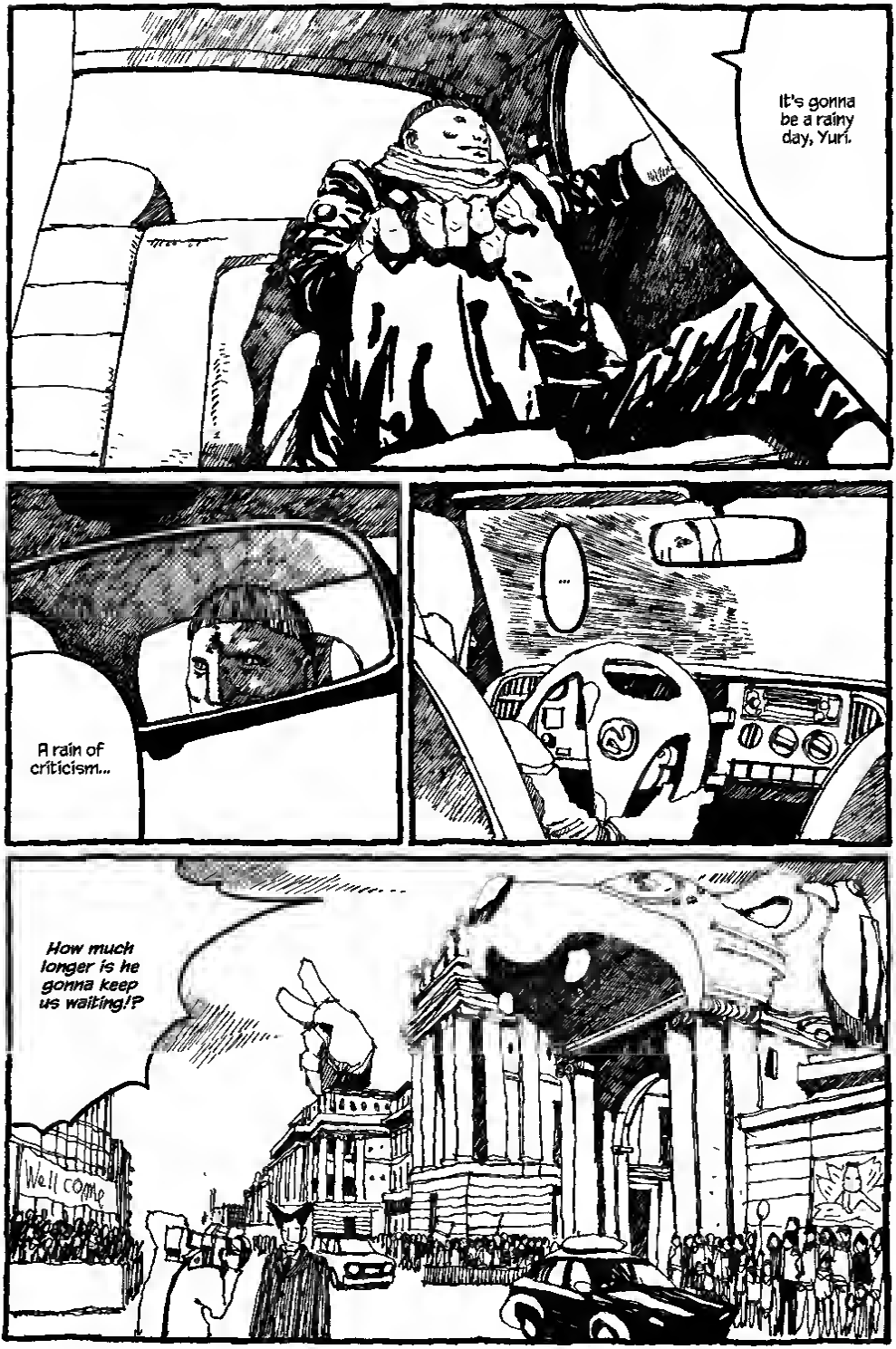
# Two weeks after the Rotaboni's extermination...


The fact that more than half of the gang members were still underage has been a subject of growing discontent.
The Rotaboni extermination, carried out a few days ago by the Peacekeeping Corps has resulted in over 180 deaths...
VRRRR

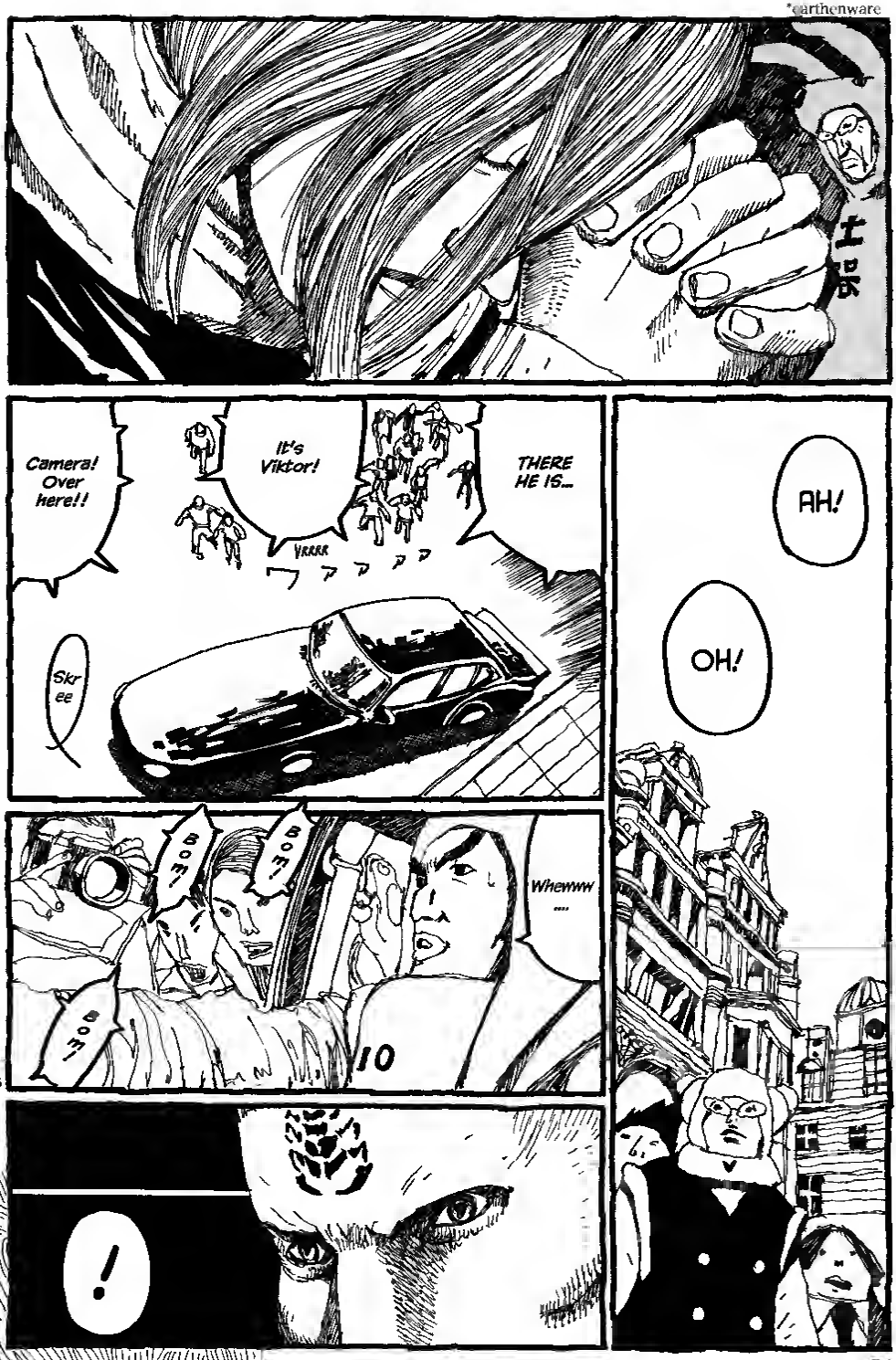

An accurate portrayal of the callous brutality of this operation.
To quote one of the experts dispatched at the scene, "I can hardly believe the people who did this were really human."


No. 2
Viktor
One the one hand, there is no silencing the cries of disapproval. This area had been the source of much disturbance, however...

...
And Colonel Viktor can count on steadfast support from this side of the public opinion.
Which led many people to think an eventual offensive was inevitable...
From the four corners of the country, children have assembled in the hopes of meeting with the Rainbow Council members.
Today at noon, a military court session will begin at the House of Peace.
Particularly noteworthy is Number Three, whose popularity outshines that of his companions.
Beep
The benefits of which are transferred to the army in their entirety.
Action figures, posters, video games and other merchandise patterned after him are sold worldwide...


It's gonna be a rainy day, Yuri.
A rain of criticism...
...
How much longer is he gonna keep us waiting!?
We'll come
4

Why?
...
By the way...
I'm sorry.
Hmph.
He'll be there in a few minutes.
PAPA
Arriving late at his own trial, he is! The nerve of him.
What are these guys praying for?

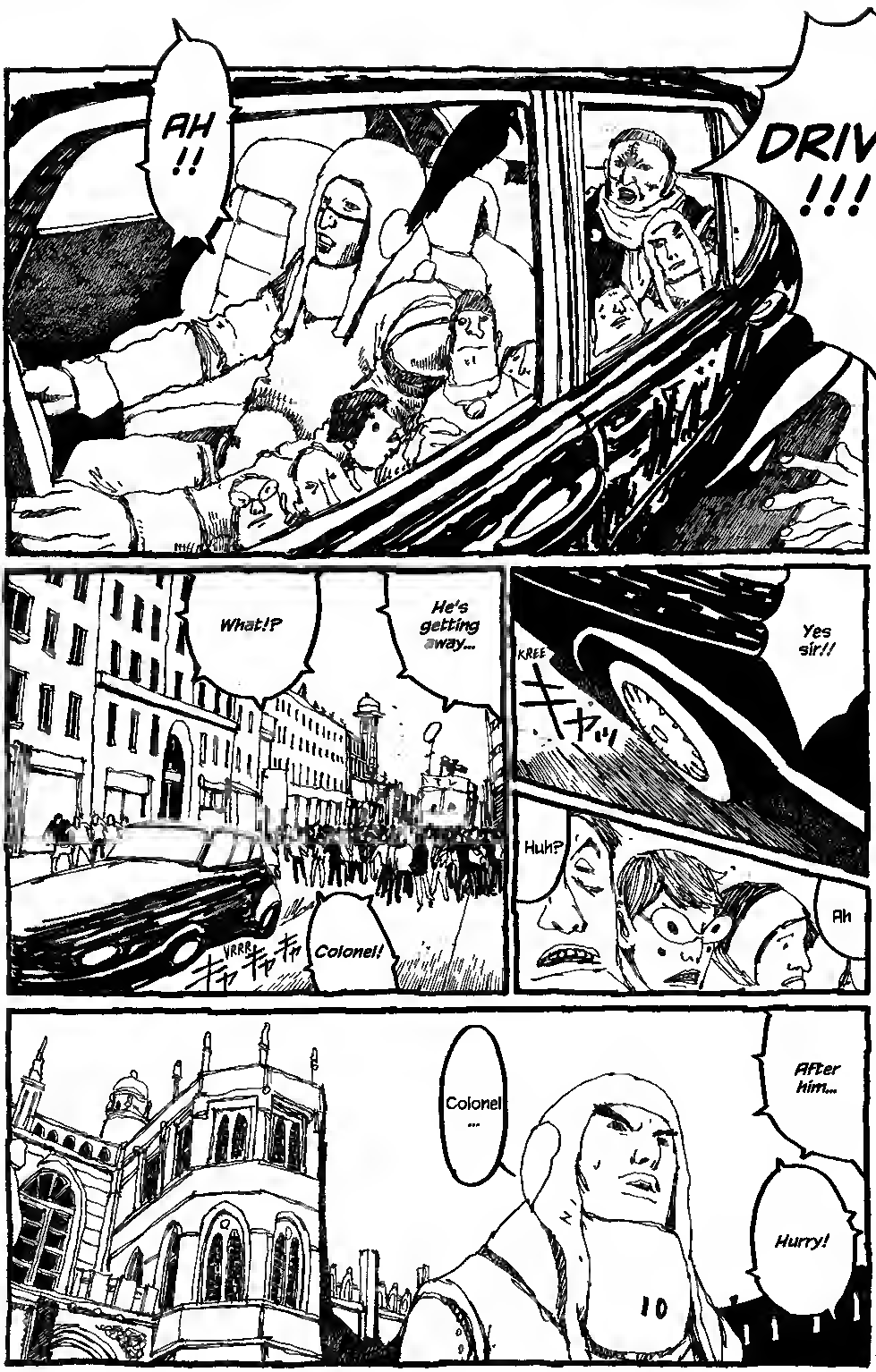

土器
Camera! Over here!!
It's Viktor!
THERE HE IS...
VRRRR
ワアアアア
Skr ee
Bom!
Bom!
Bom!
Whewww ....
10
!
AH!
OH!

Let me open the way.
CAAAAAAWWW
That ...

Colonel ?
You can get out, Colonel.
10
adi
This feeling...
Get out of the way...!!
Number Two is here, apparently.
Then he should get a move on!!
But the press is preventing ...
What-ever! Make sure he gets here !!

Rejec-
tion...

Yuri.
Drive.
!
You
heard me?
I said...
Hey!


AH !!
DRIVE !!!
What!?
He's getting away...
Colonel!
KREE
Yes sir!!
Huh?
Ah
Colonel ...
After him...
Hurry!
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GET A MOVE ON!!
But...
Bring him back here, you fools!
Wha...
Number Two is gone!

NEVER.

He's not coming back to the Rainbow Council, Papa.

Stop ...

We're bringing Viktor back.

You can't go away just like that.

...

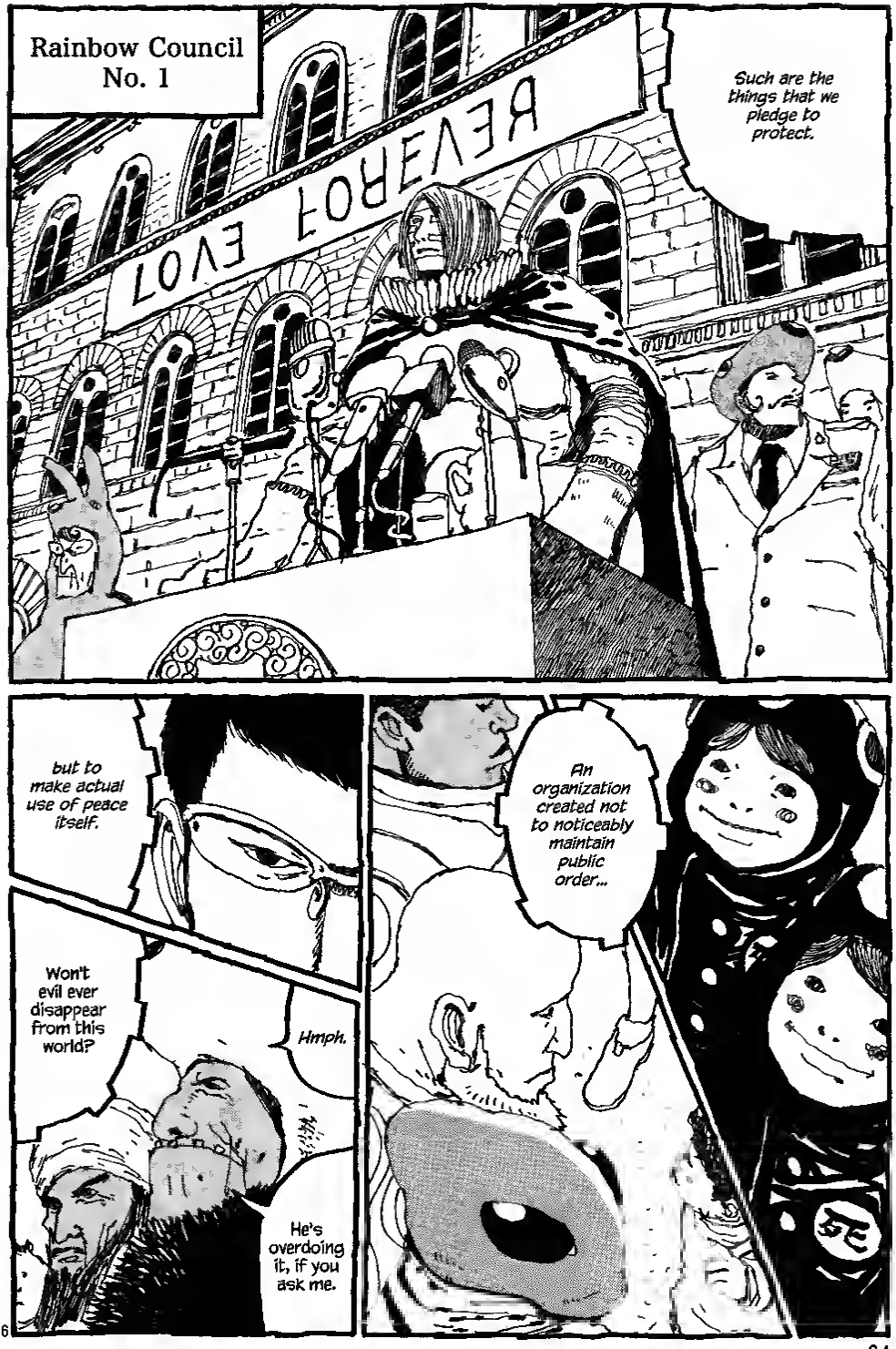
Hey! Wait!!

The sky has cleared itself, Yuri.
...
I'm gonna get some sleep.
Wake me when we reach the airport.
ブィー VRRRR

# Three years later...

On the table: the red bean soup and the bread baked by their mother.
NO 1就任式
ゴゥン
VWOOM
They talk about the bottomless swamp they found deep within the forest.
The flock of Omurosagi flying south they saw...
The children talk about what they have accomplished during the day.
NO 1就任式
ゴゥン
VWOOM
To reclaim these moments that have vanished from everyone's memories...
For that everyday tranquility...

*No 1 Inauguration ceremony


Rainbow Council No. 1
Such are the things that we pledge to protect.
but to make actual use of peace itself.
Won't evil ever disappear from this world?
Hmph.
He's overdoing it, if you ask me.
An organization created not to noticeably maintain public order...
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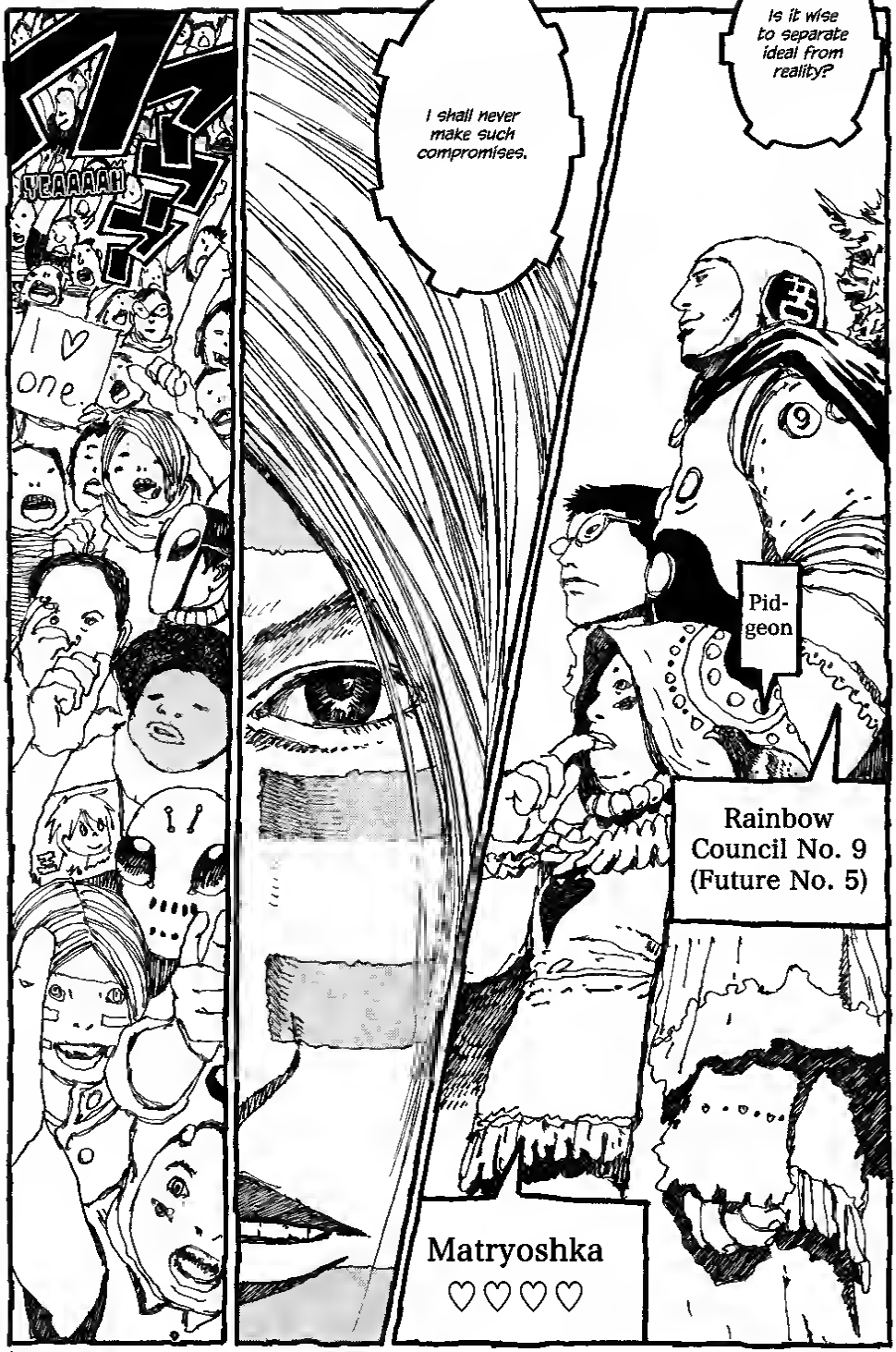
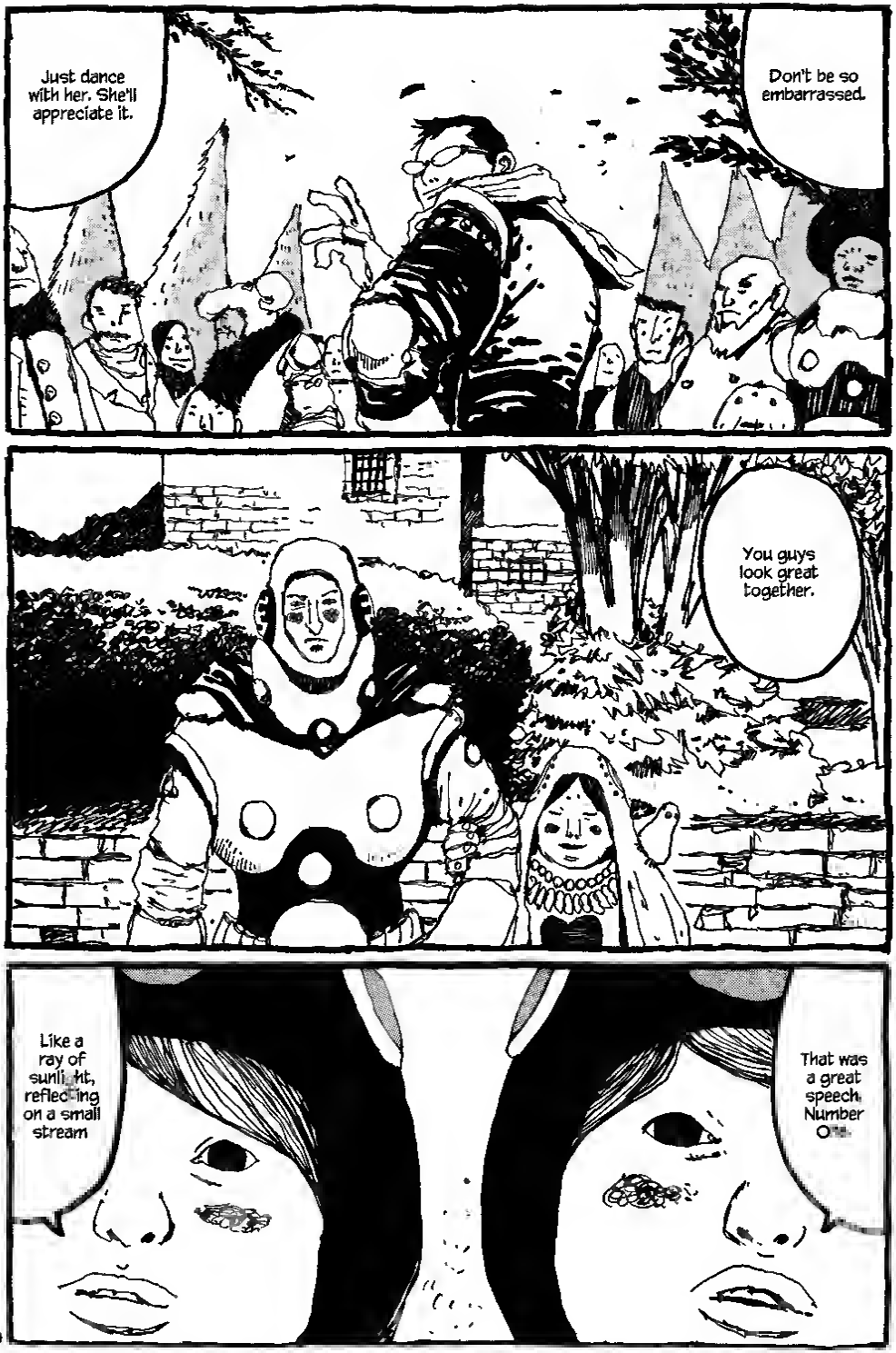
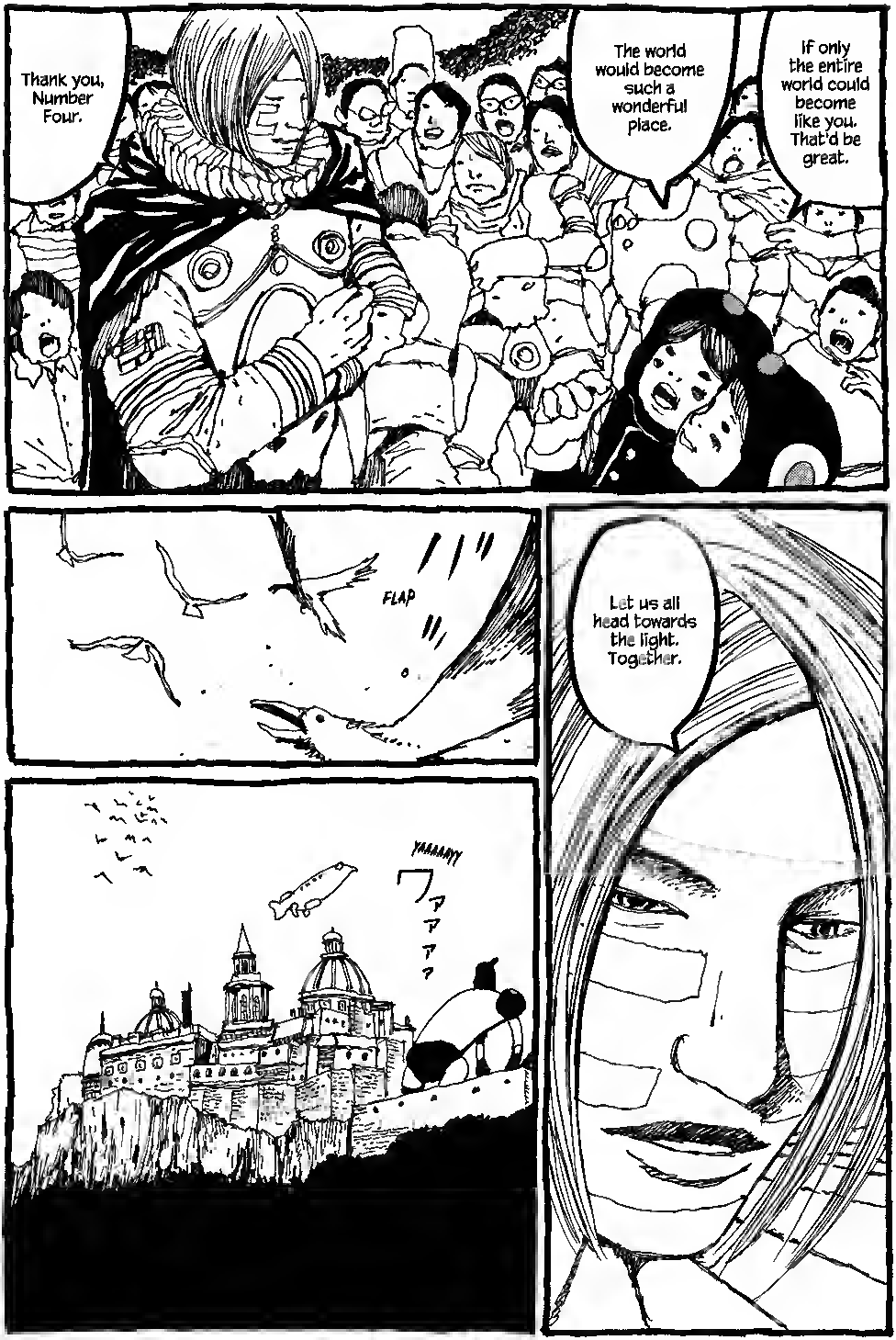

YEAAAAH
I ♡ one.
I shall never make such compromises.
Is it wise to separate ideal from reality?
9
Pid-geon
Rainbow Council No. 9 (Future No. 5)
Matryoshka
♡♡♡♡

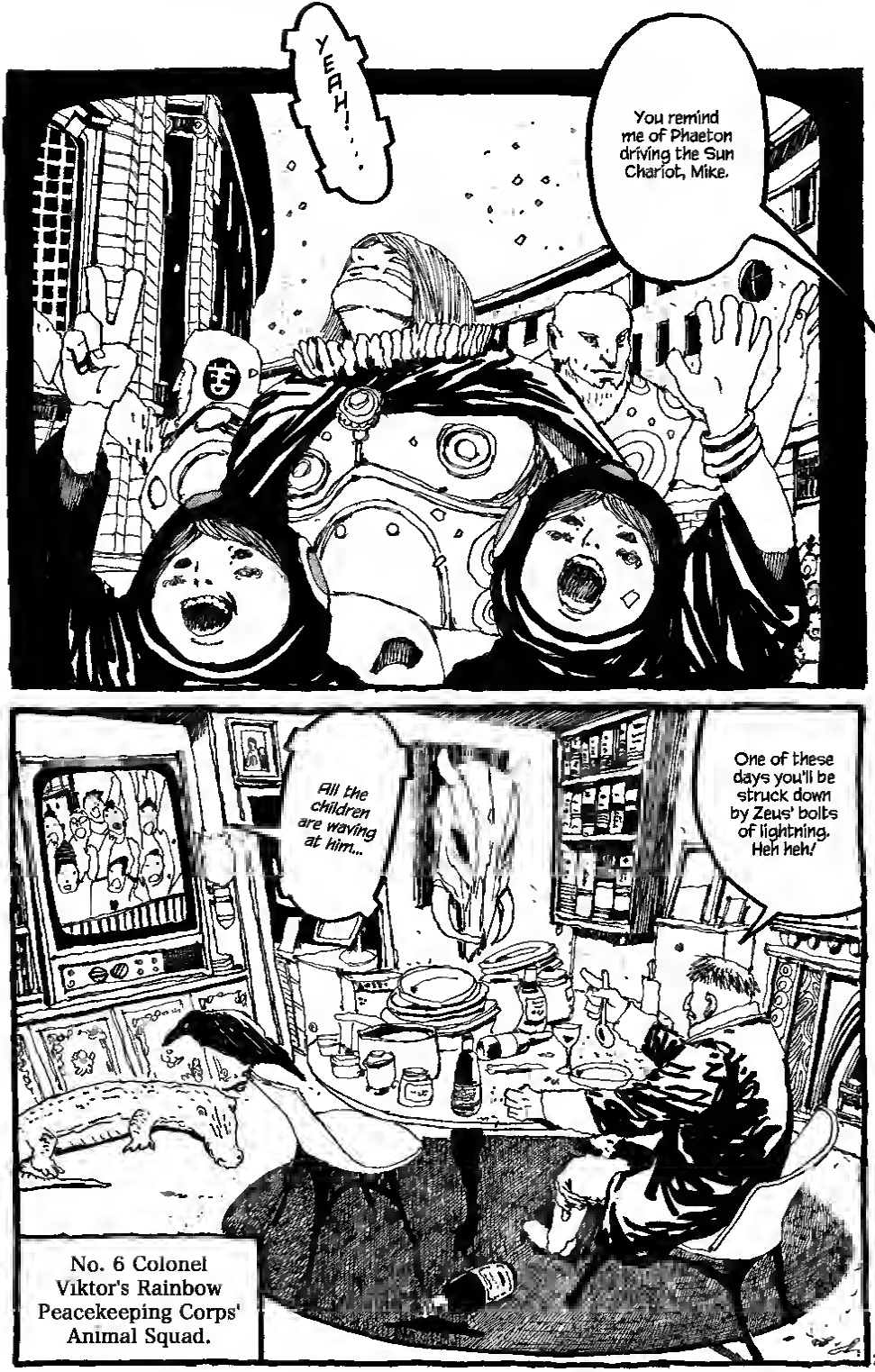
YEAHHH
Our prince envisions a world of perfection.
That's terrifying.
There's something really different about him.
You used to be around Viktor, I believe? Eh, Number Nine?
Heh heh!
That's the whole point of this army, isn't it?
He wanted to make it to the top, and nothing else mattered.

We all do despise Viktor.
Pretty much, yeah.
You all hold the answer within you. In your hearts.
Now here's hoping those feelings really are our own.
YEAAAAH!
Thank you.
Number Nine, looks like you've become the Rainbow Council figurehead's favorite!
Let's...
dance.
Let's dance Yuri.
Gyaaaa

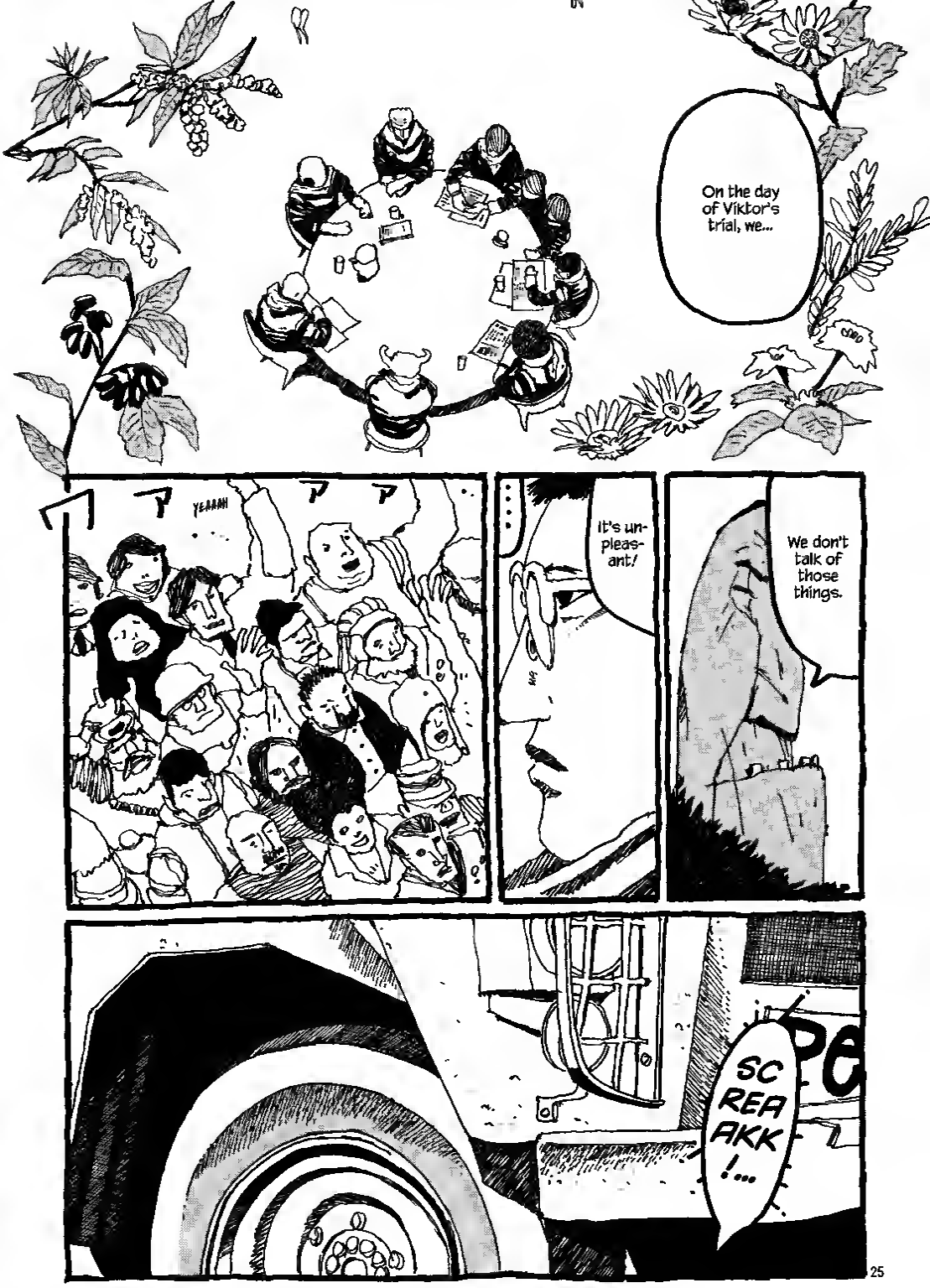

Just dance with her. She'll appreciate it.
Don't be so embarrassed.
You guys look great together.
Like a ray of sunlight, reflecting on a small stream
That was a great speech. Number O


Thank you, Number Four.
The world would become such a wonderful place.
If only the entire world could become like you. That'd be great.
FLAP
Let us all head towards the light. Together.
YAAAAAY
ワアアア

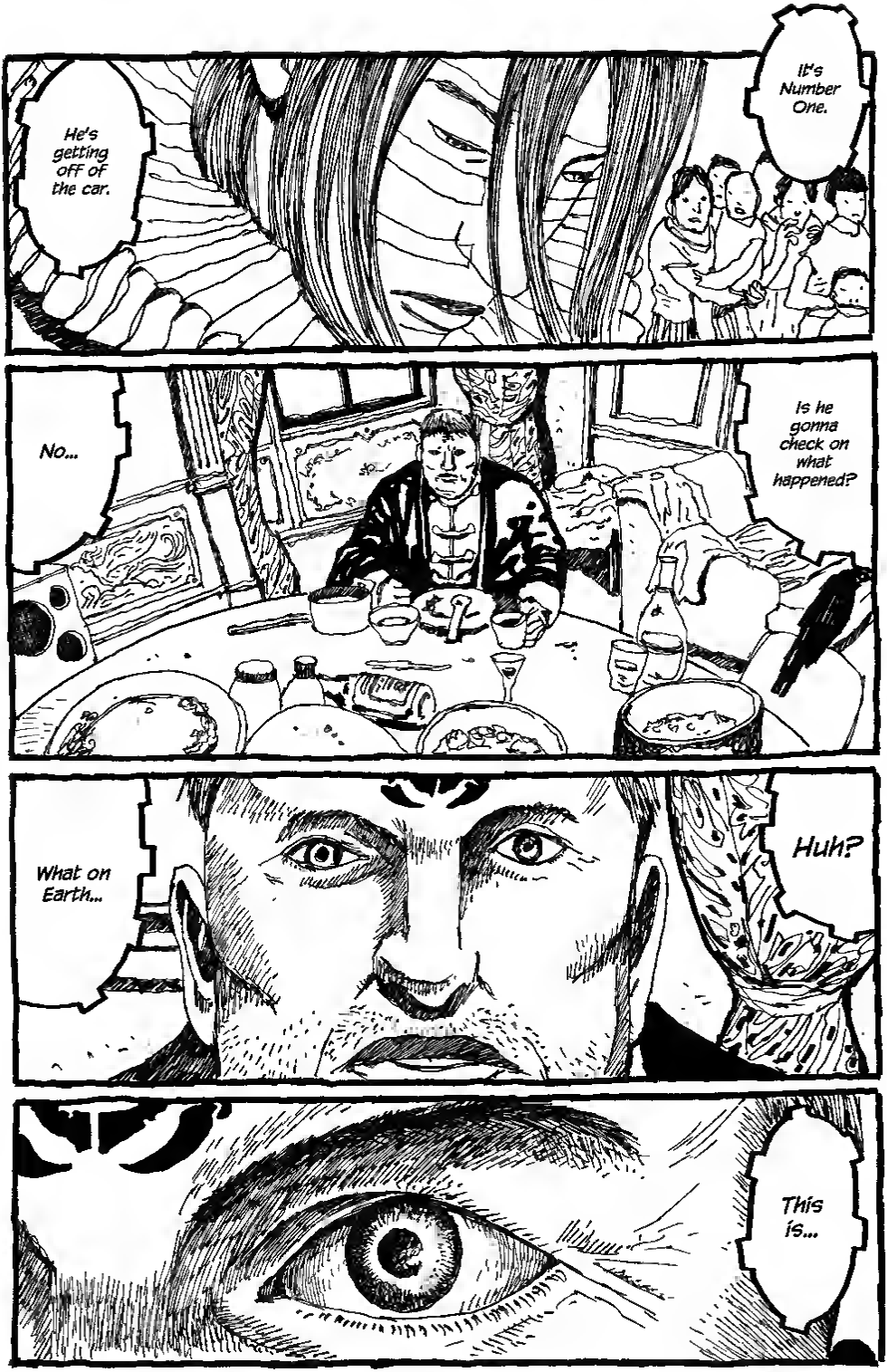
There he is!!
Here comes the new Number One.
We can also make out Number Four's silhouette next to him.
Pedro
He answers the cheering crowd with a wave of the hand.
Heh heh...


YEAH!
You remind me of Phaeton driving the Sun Chariot, Mike.
All the children are waving at him...
One of these days you'll be struck down by Zeus' bolts of lightning. Heh heh!
No. 6 Colonel Viktor's Rainbow Peacekeeping Corps' Animal Squad.

YEAH!
This is really over the top.
It was twice as grandiose.
Remember your own ceremony, Number Two...
Hmph.
Can the army really afford such expenses?
YYEAHH
By the way...
I'll get my seat back eventually.
OOOOH
A starry-eyed Prince like him can't lead the Peacekeeping Corps.


On the day of Viktor's trial, we...
YEAAAH!
It's unpleasant!
We don't talk of those things.
SC REA AKK !...

What's going on? The front car won't budge!!
Well?
The car's bumped into something...? Ah! A cat!
The procession has stopped.
An accident?
It's a cat!
Ah...
No idea...
What is the meaning of this?
Come on! Let's move out...


He's getting off of the car.
It's Number One.
No...
Is he gonna check on what happened?
What on Earth...
Huh?
This is...

EE EK !!!
Unbelievable!
Ah!...
Throw in a commercial break!!
He's eating it...
This is incredible!!
Commer-cials!!

The Colonel's room!
What happened!?
バーン
BANG
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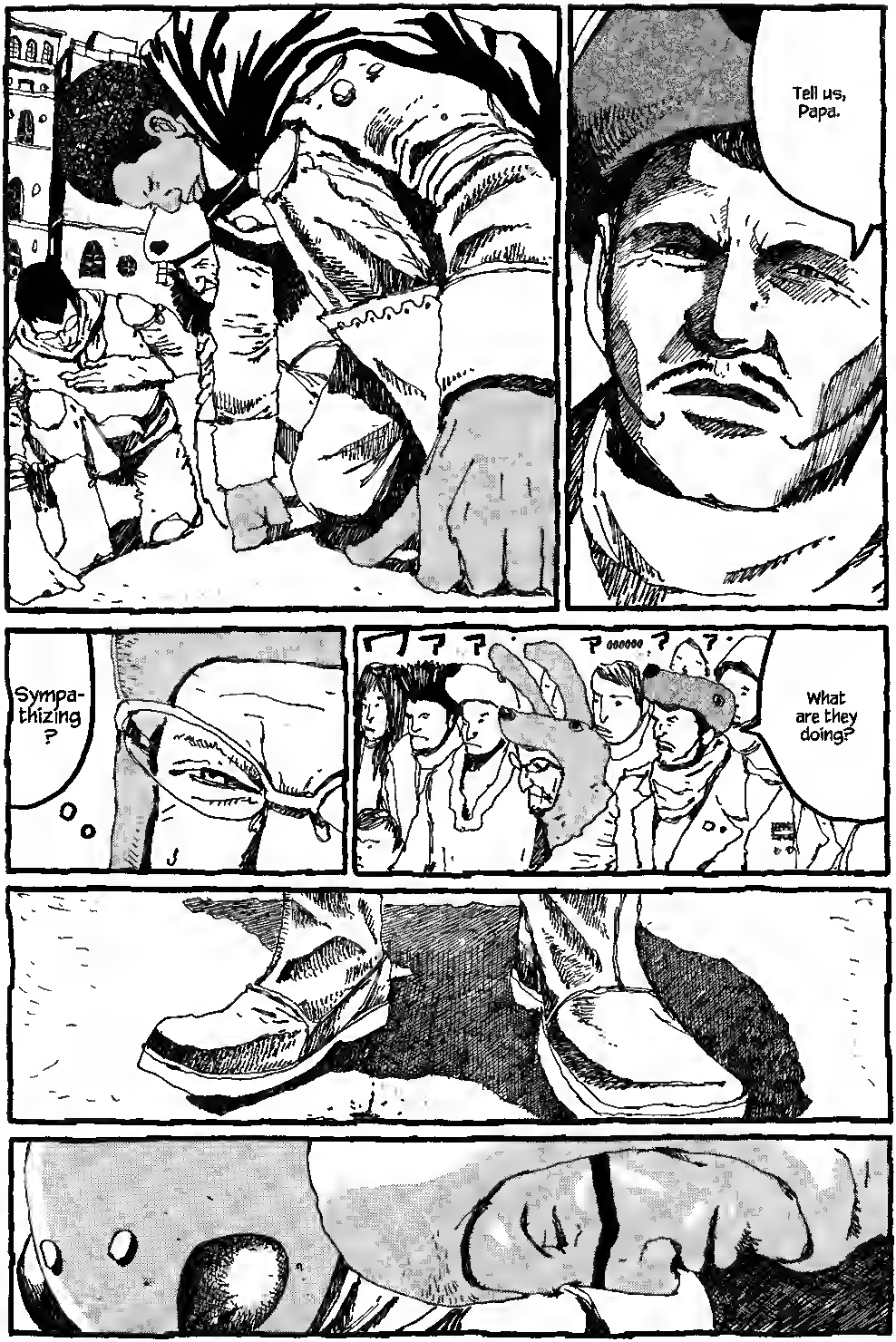
AAAH
!?
What happened!?
The Colonel's room!
Hello. I'm Honey, from "Honey Flakes"!!

Honey! Honey! ♪ Honey Flakes!! ♫
♪ I eat 'em every day and I'm in top form... ♪
NEY


Tell us, Papa.
Sympa-thizing ?
What are they doing?

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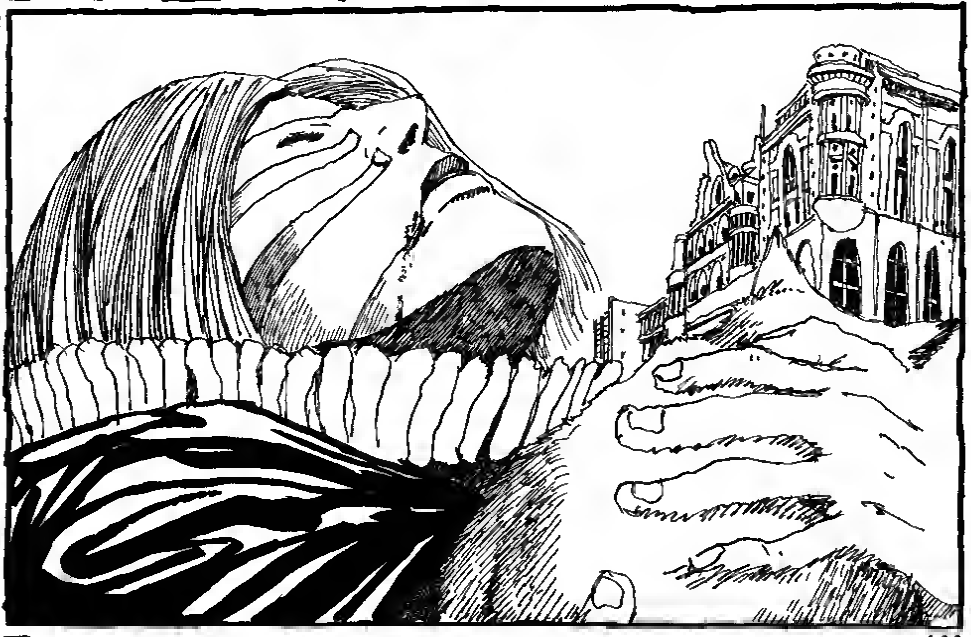

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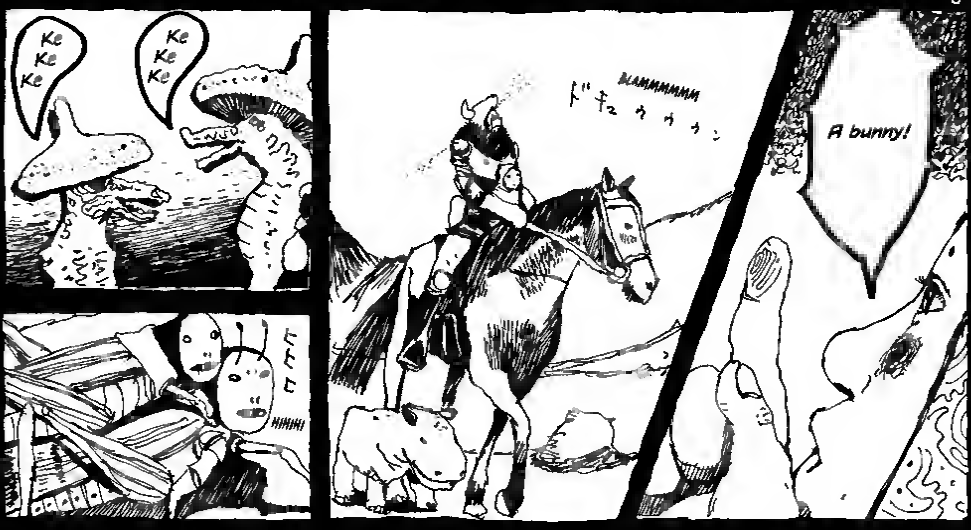
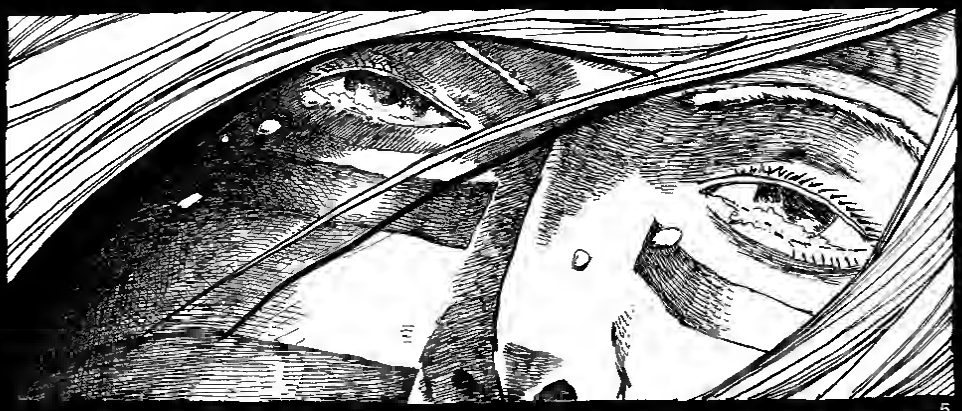
## Chapter 16

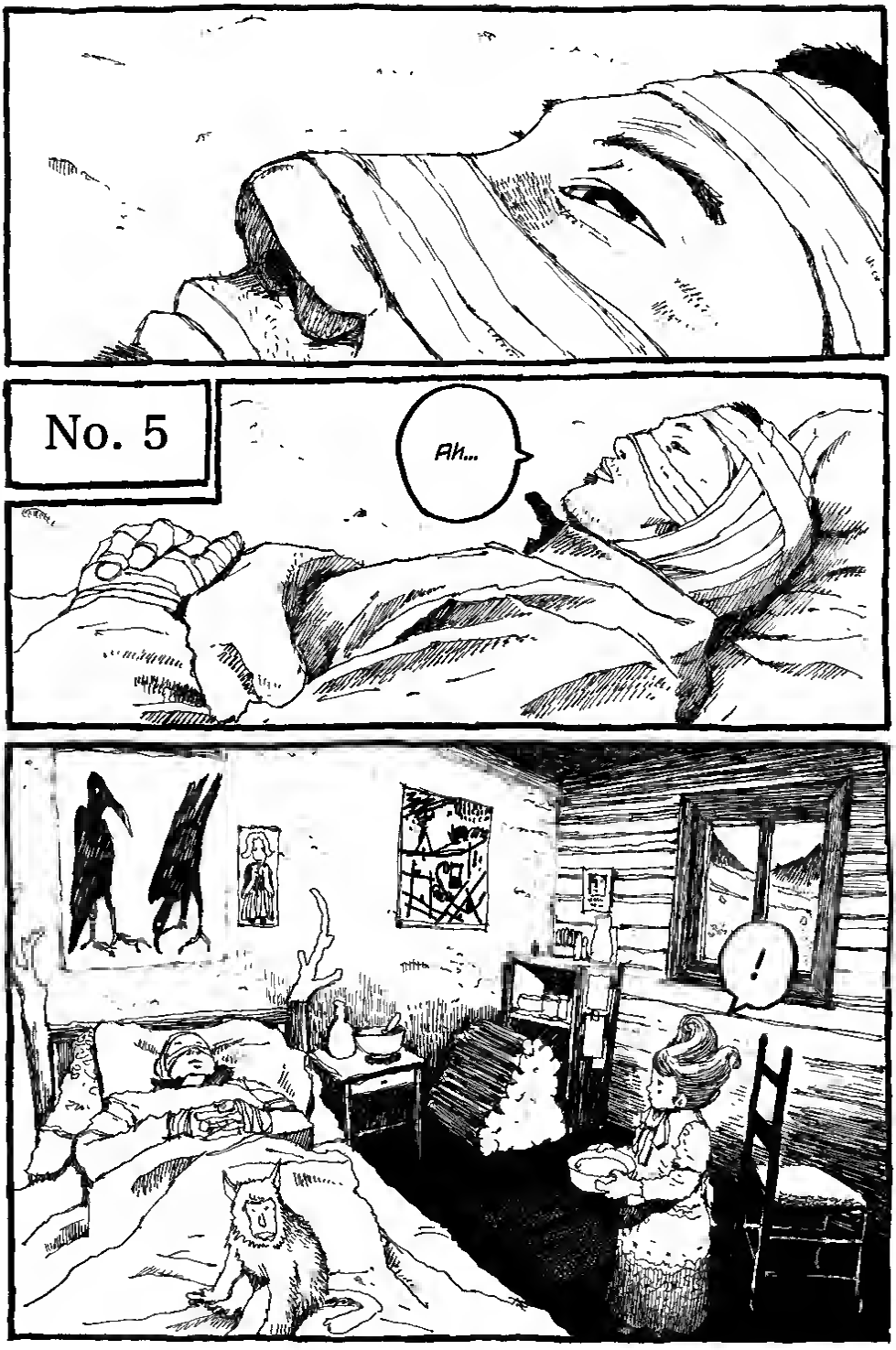
TATATA
Number Five has just launched an offensive against Number One's castle.
police
I love you.
Pow!
Ooof
OOOOH


Ke Ke Ke
Ke Ke Ke
ヒヒヒ
HHHH
DUMMMMMM
ドドド

I am.
AAAAAH...
CRACK
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
We are all but one with that blue planet over there.
Grrr
KYAAA!...

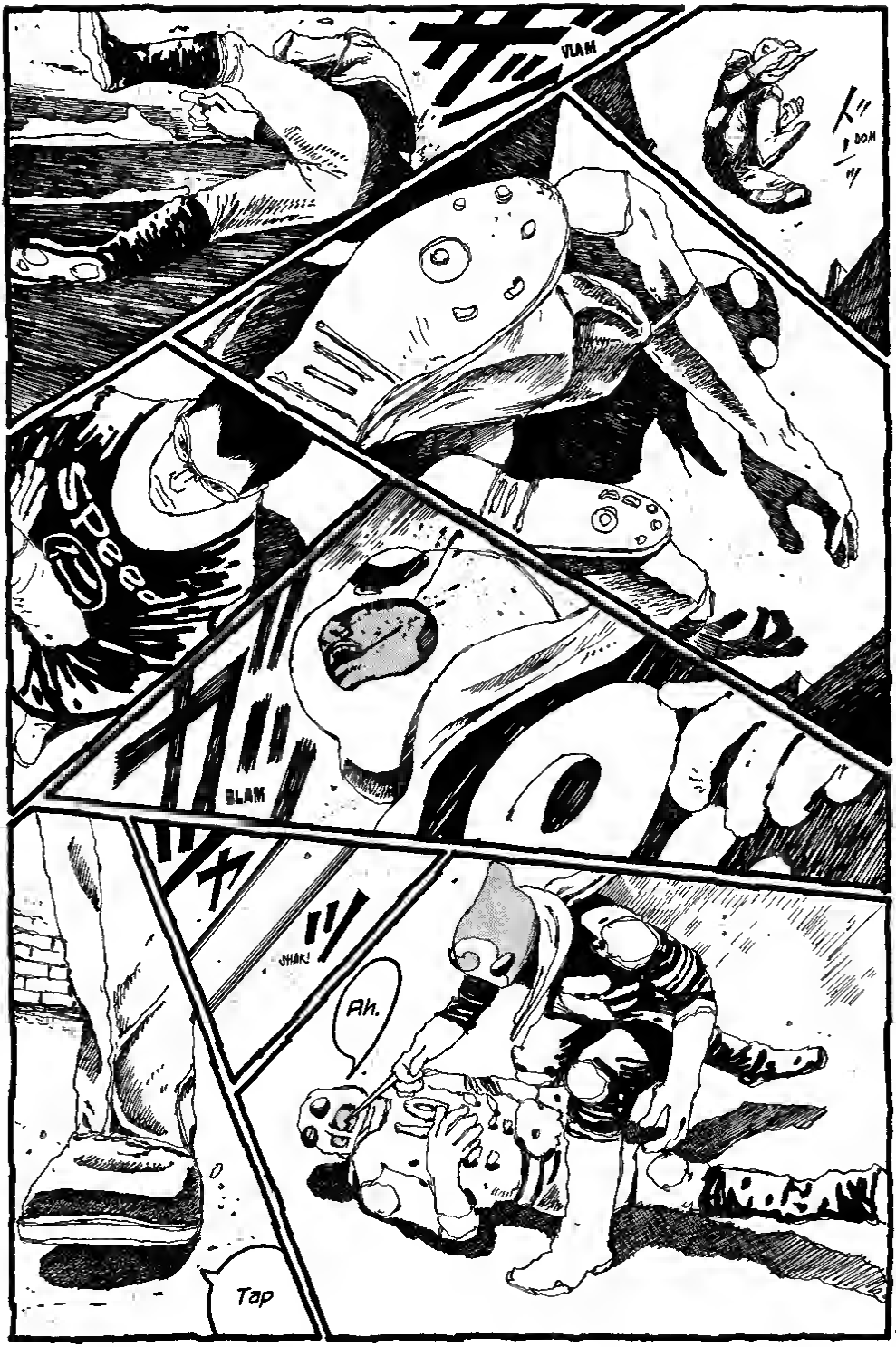
ゴオオオ
GYOOOOOO
Isn't that simply a marvelous thought?
シュン
SHWU
オオ

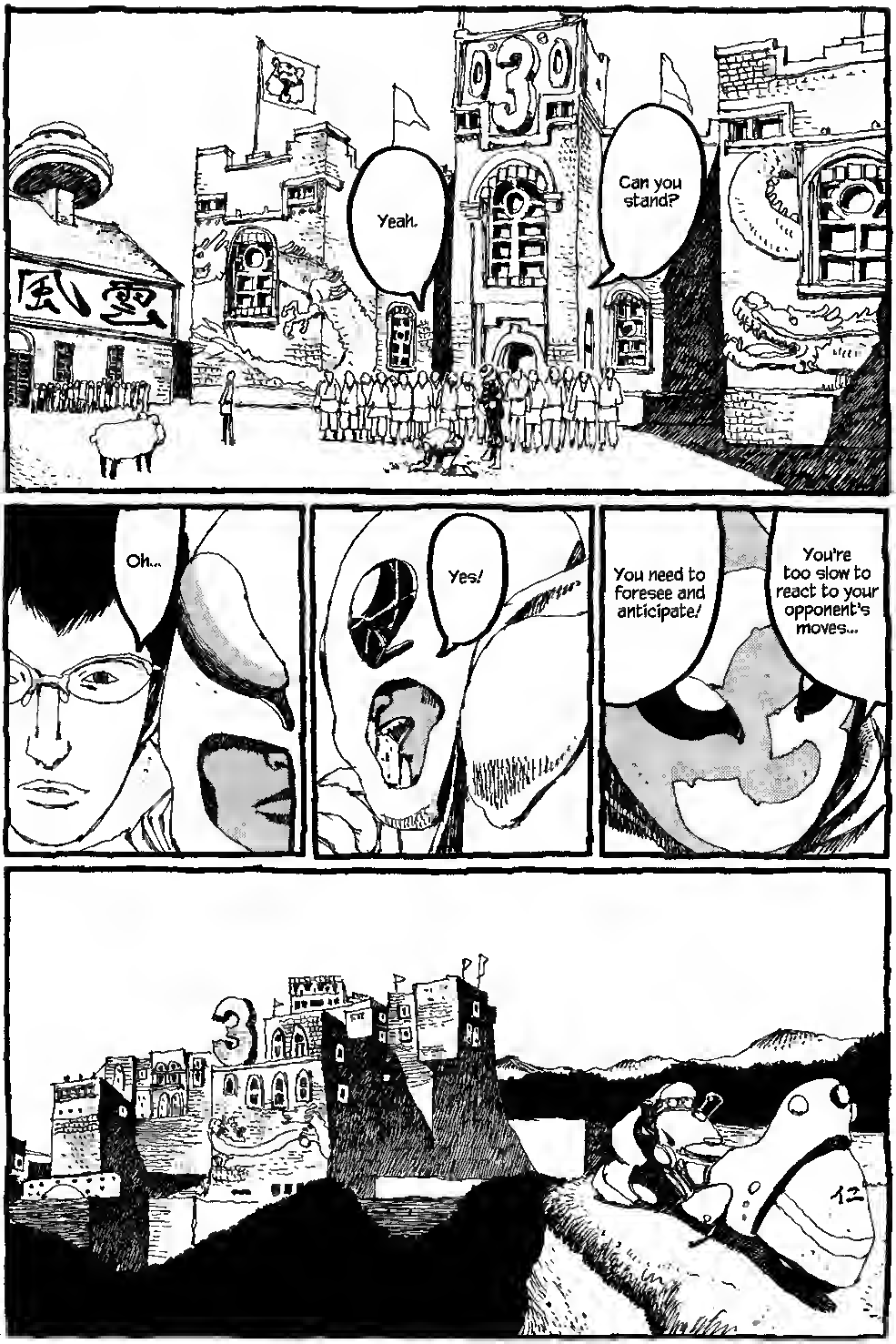


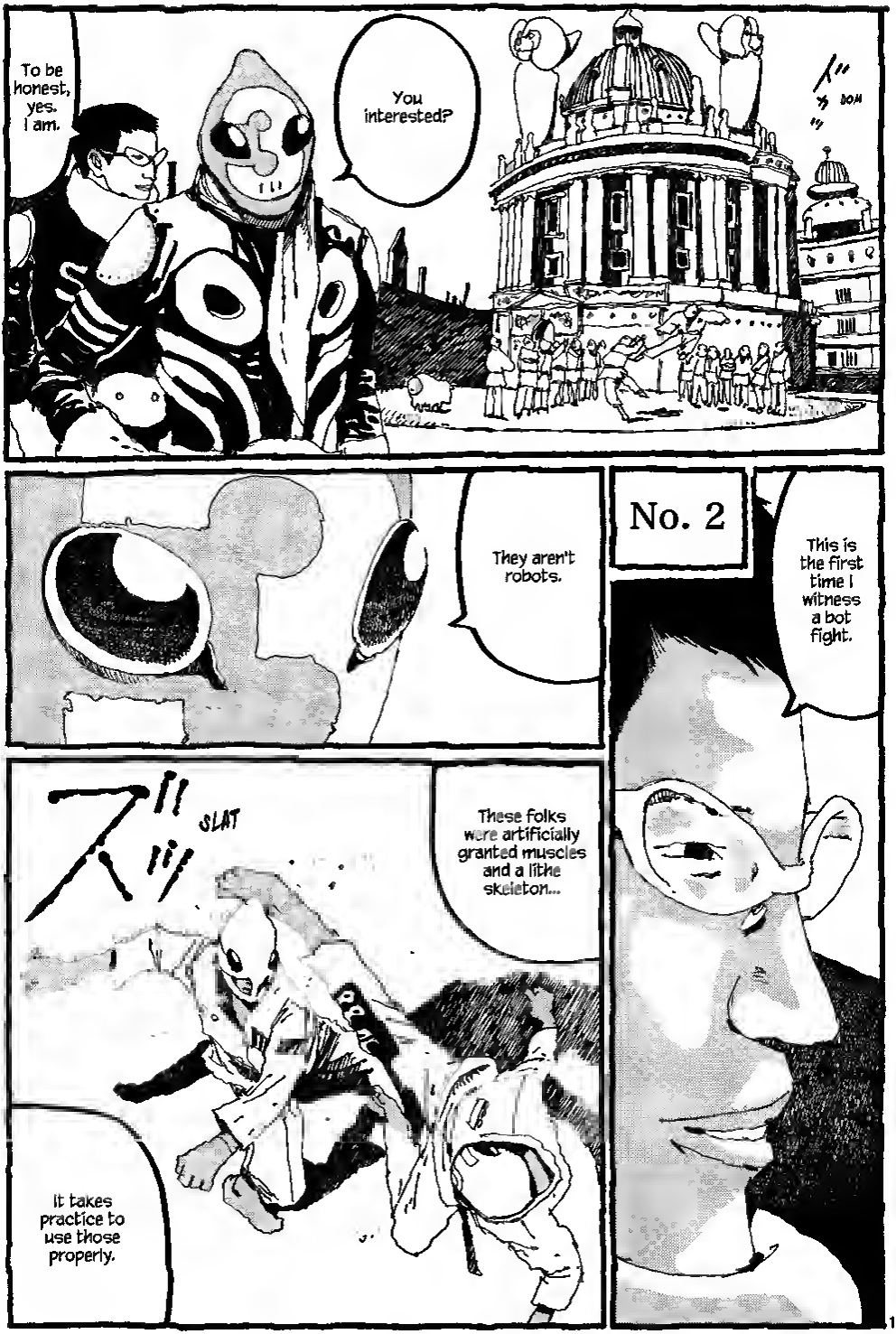

No. 5
Ah...
!

Who are you?
You're awake?
?
Oh?
Where am I?
Grandpa!

VLAM
Uh...
No. 3
YAH!
DOM


VLAM
KOM
Speed
BLAM
SHAK!
Ah.
Tap

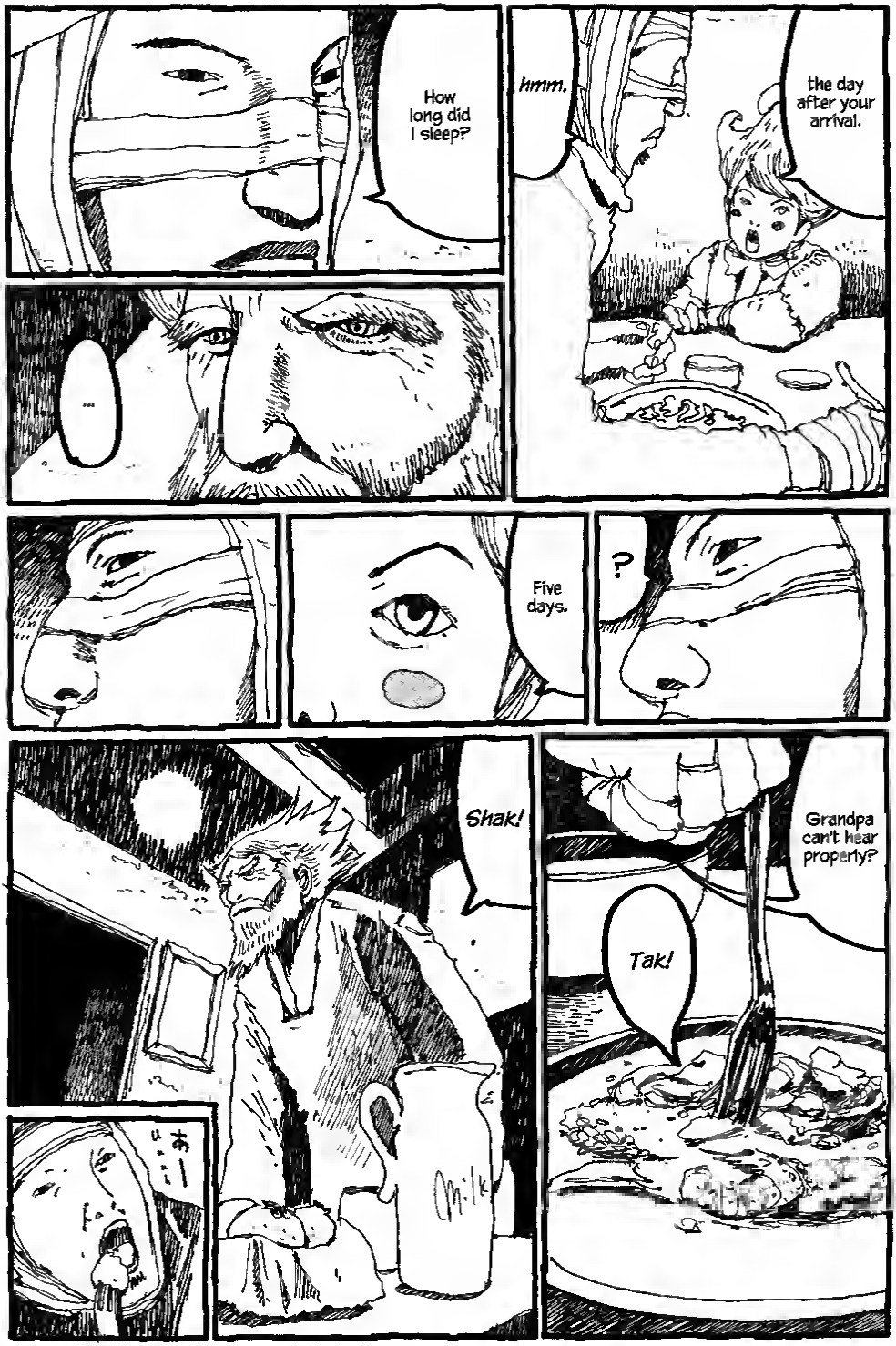

Yeah.
Can you stand?
Oh...
Yes!
You need to foresee and anticipate!
You're too slow to react to your opponent's moves...


To be honest, yes. I am.
You interested?
They aren't robots.
No. 2
This is the first time I witness a bot fight.
SLAT
These folks were artificially granted muscles and a lithe skeleton...
It takes practice to use those properly.

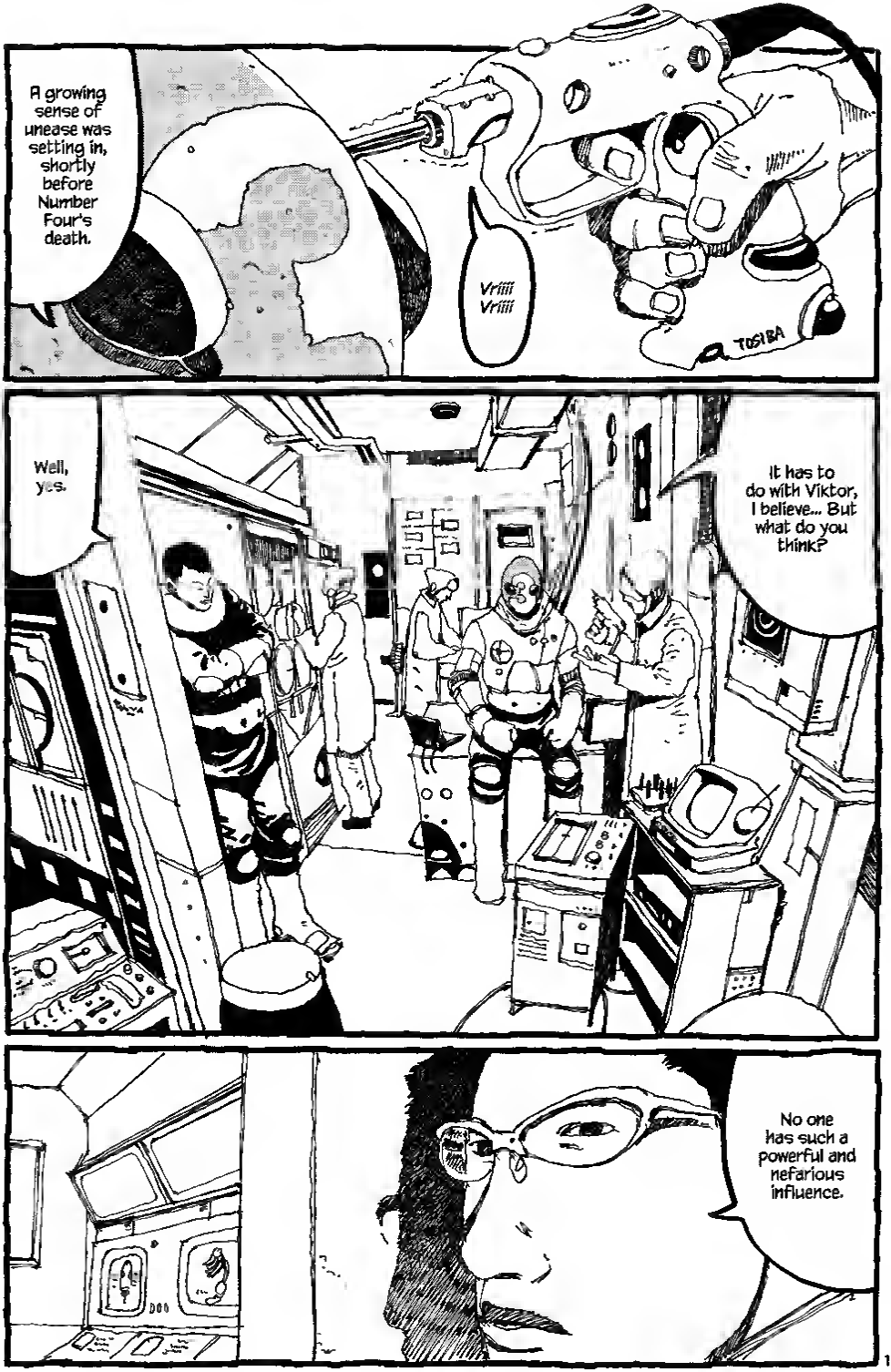
Just fancy a fusion between a man and his vehicle.
Makes sense.
THREE
It's just like handling those bikes you and your section love so much. It takes lots of skill and effort.
Indeed.
Do you think there's still a point in killing Five now that the army's been disbanded?
Don't try to stop me. You're just wasting your time.
I can tell why you're here.
Yes?
He's responsible for the whole thing.
Think about the tragedy that occurred here, Number Two.

I'll set out after Number Five.
I'll track him down and I'll take his life.
VLAM
Peace

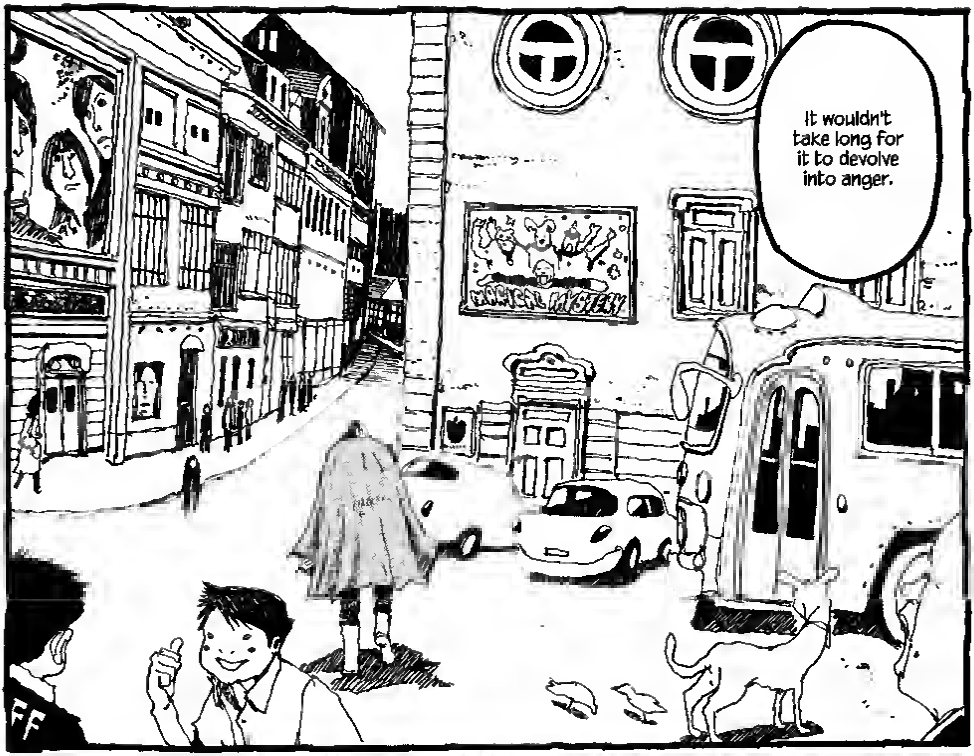
Slurp...
...
Where's the guy who brought me here?
He went down the mountain slope...
Back from the dead, are ya.
Hum.
Milk


How long did I sleep?
...
hmm.
the day after your arrival.
Five days.
?
Shak!
Milk
あー
Tak!
Grandpa can't hear properly?

Yiam!
And I can hear just fine.
Once your wounds are healed, you will see yourself out...
Hmm...
crunch crunch
Woof Woof...
Fuuuuuu
Baaaaaa


A growing sense of unease was setting in, shortly before Number Four's death.
Vriiii Vriiii
TOSIBA
Well, yes.
It has to do with Viktor, I believe... But what do you think?
No one has such a powerful and nefarious influence.

The humors of one man alone hold sway over me.
True enough.
I cannot.
No.
SHLACK
Can you pick up Five's location?
His sadness is profound indeed.
Stap...


It wouldn't take long for it to devolve into anger.

These are the tombs of the elderly twins

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Even with the army gone, I remain a living creature of this planet.
The straw-haired Prince built them.
Is that so?
I'm not like you.
My body has been sculpted for battle.
My mind, trained towards that end.
Five and I are the same.

We believe victory only has a meaning when it is achieved through combat.
If he's still alive, he can definitely feel the rage emanating from me.
That naive mind of his must be devising a strategy to counter my desire for vengeance.
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...
Crunch Crunch
Yumm
Ah...
nom
nom
nom
He he!
A real elephant.
Wow...
Let her have anything she wants...!
Yumm Yumm...

Give her the same treatment as if she was Louis XVI's wife.
Crunch Crunch...
How strange, Matryoshka...
I feel like when you're happy, I am too.
Colonel Viktor

Why did he bring her here? For what purpose?
No idea.
He asked that she be treated like Marie-Antoinette.
Beats me...
Who's that girl?
Hmph.
Clap
Shut up!
Need I also prepare a guillotine?
What a beautiful day.
nom
nom

Now on to the next piece of news.
This morning pictures of someone we have cause to believe was Number One..
have been taken in Tefura village in the Gudella province.
The children didn't take long to spot him, and they've been following him around for a number of hours, causing much excitement in the small locality.

And we became sad. Just like him.
It was him. The real thing!
Gloomier, and gloomier again...
Sadder and sadder...

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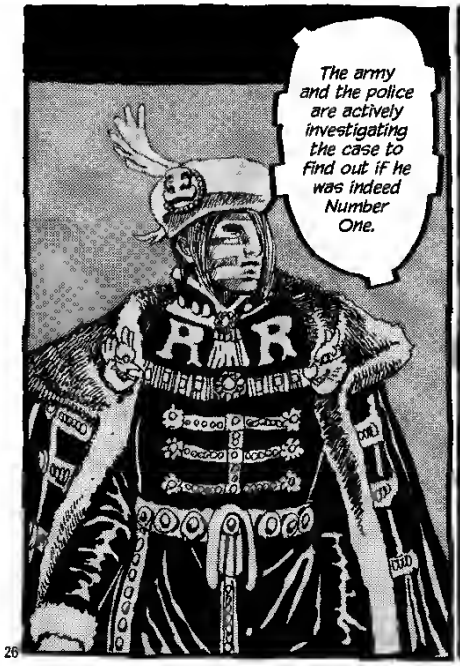
The army and the police are actively investigating the case to find out if he was indeed Number One.

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At which point all further tracks of him were lost.
Number One then left the village for the Roguma mountain.

...Until we lost our souls...
Until we lost everything
No. 1

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Number One disappears
and.....

At last Number Three takes
on an offensive stance!!.....

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